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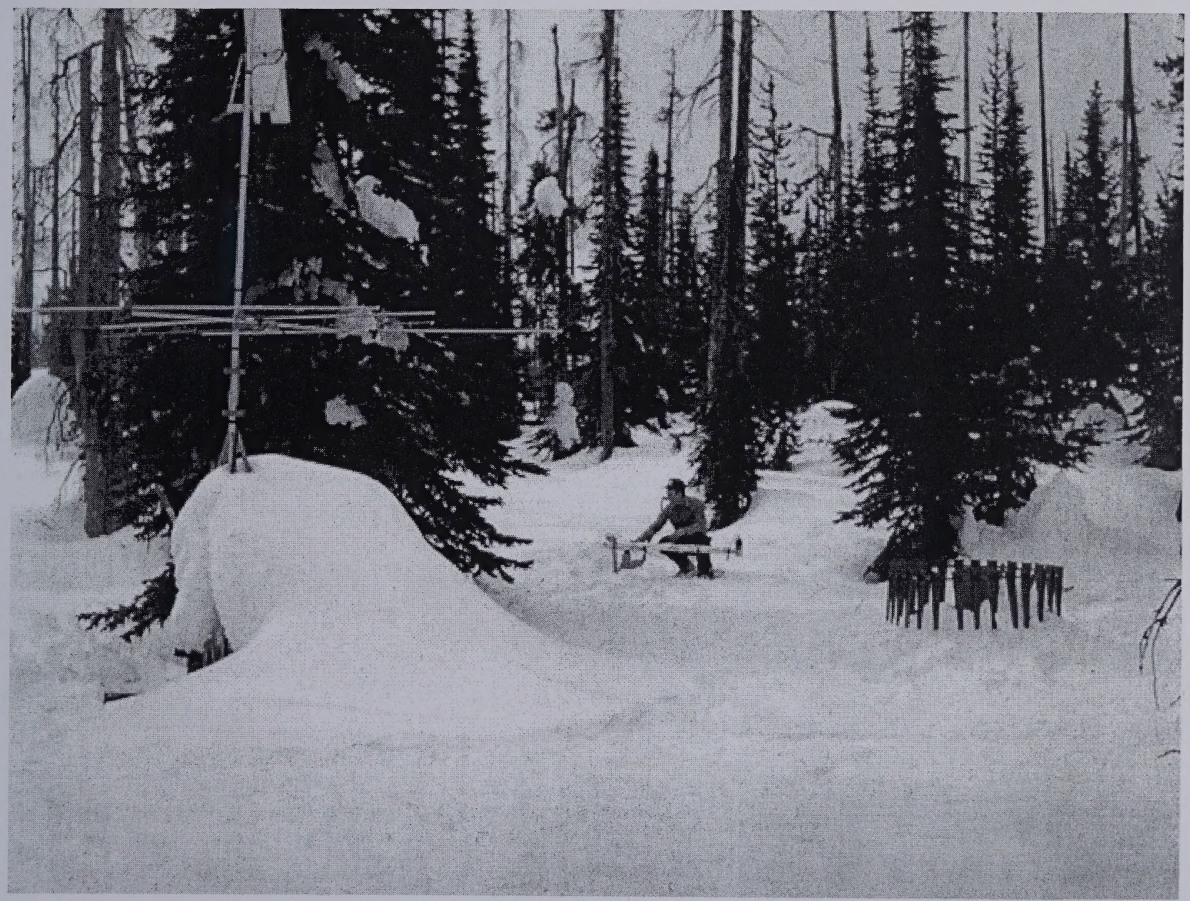
Montana Water Supply Outlook Report March 1, 2006



Picture: Black Bear SNOTEL Site - Winter of 1997

Water Supply Outlook Report
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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

Forecast uncertainty originates from two sources: (1) uncertainty of future hydrologic and climatic conditions, and (2) error in the forecasting procedure. To express the uncertainty in the most probable forecast, four additional forecasts are provided. The actual streamflow can be expected to exceed the most probable forecast 50% of the time. Similarly, the actual streamflow volume can be expected to exceed the 90% forecast volume 90% of the time. The same is true for the 70%, 30%, and 10% forecasts. Generally, the 90% and 70% forecasts reflect drier than normal hydrologic and climatic conditions; the 30% and 10% forecasts reflect wetter than normal conditions. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty will become known and the additional forecasts will move closer to the most probable forecast.

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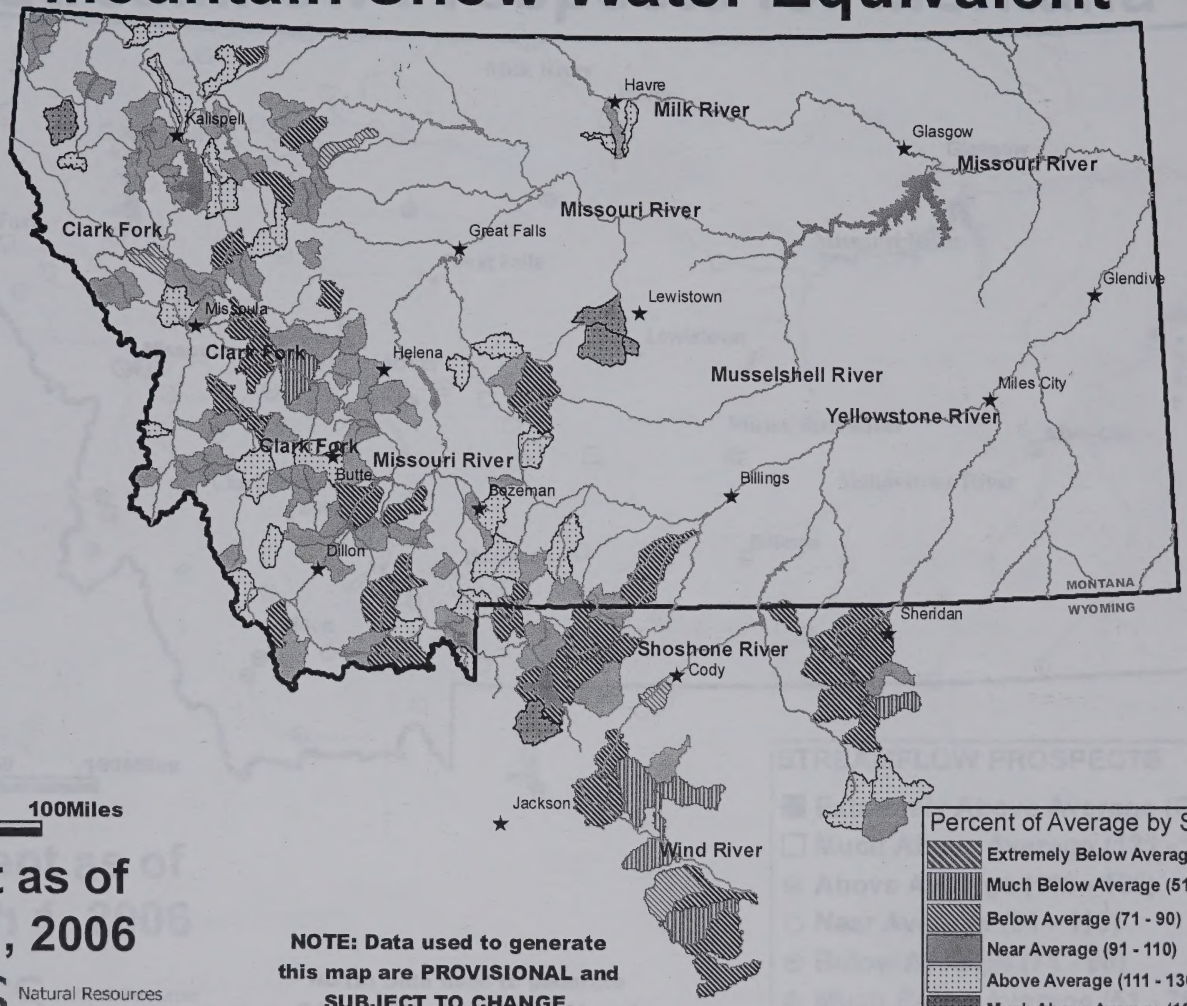
Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



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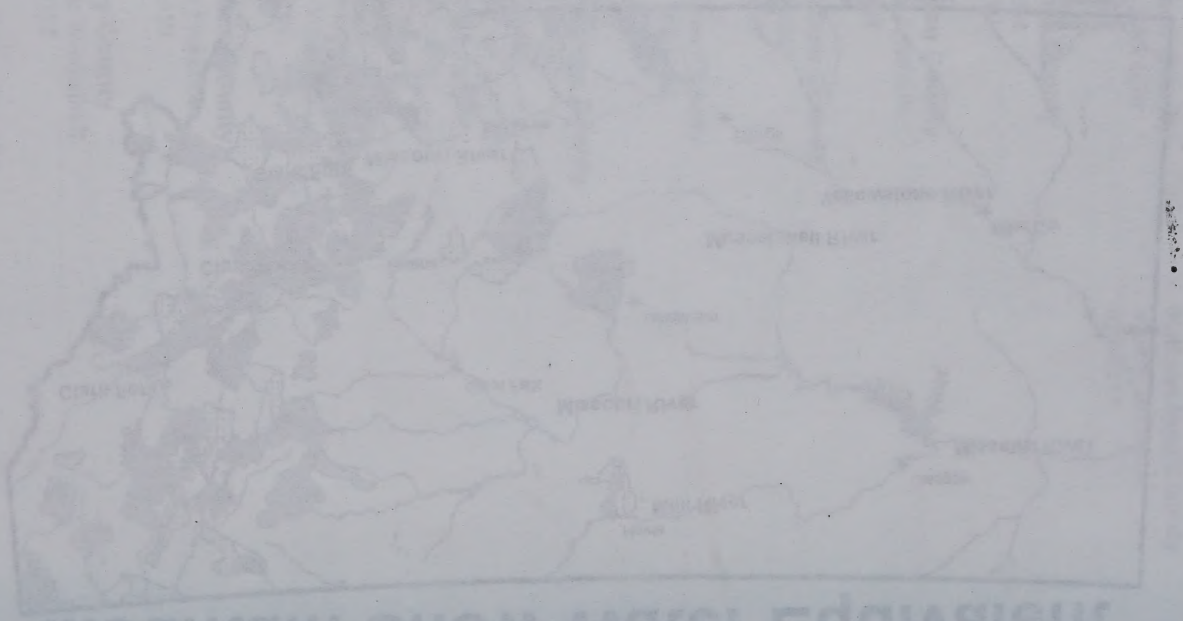
Percent of Average by Sub-Basin

- Extremely Below Average (Below 51)
- Much Below Average (51 - 70)
- Below Average (71 - 90)
- Near Average (91 - 110)
- Above Average (111 - 130)
- Much Above Average (131 - 150)
- Extremely Above Average (Over150)



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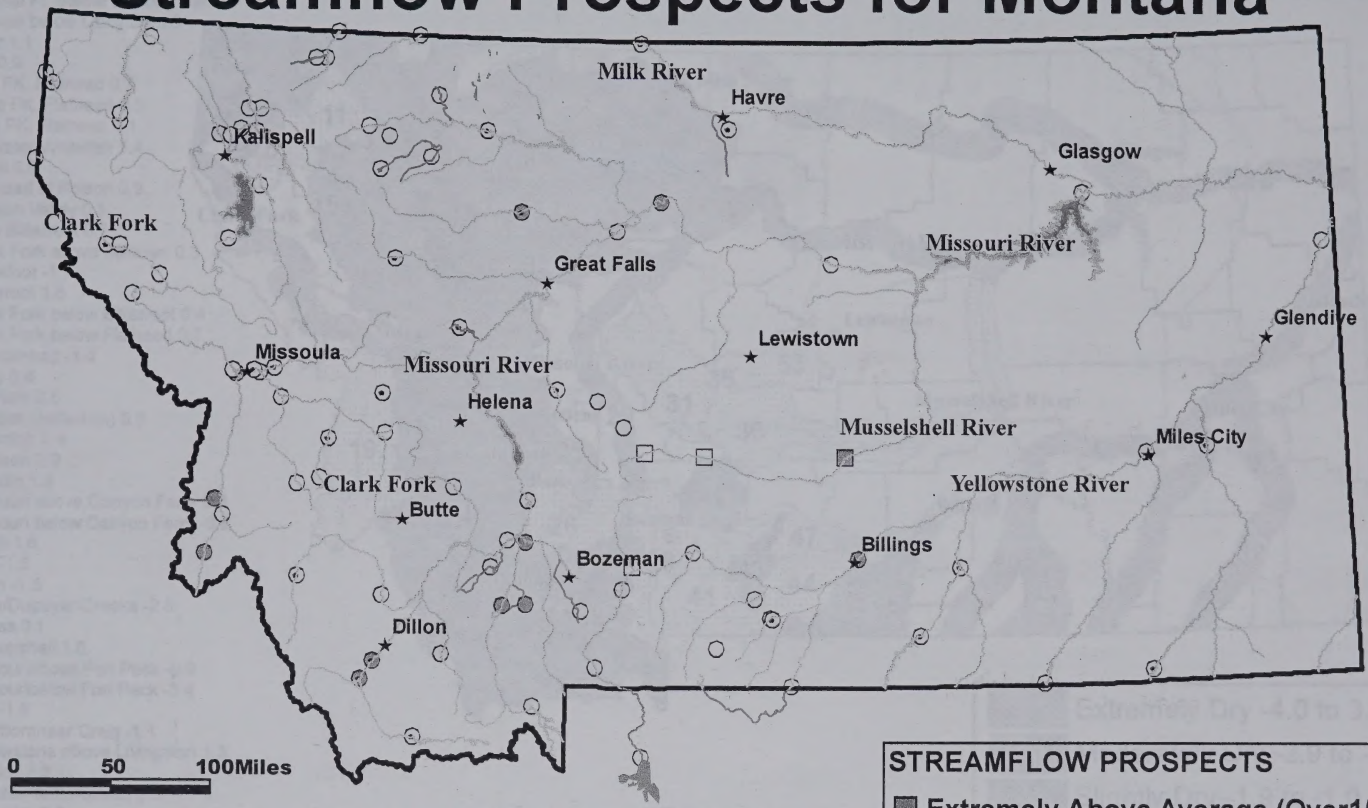
Streamflow Prospects for Montana



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STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS

- Extremely Above Average (Over150)
- Much Above Average (131 - 150)
- Above Average (111 - 130)
- Near Average (91 - 110)
- Below Average (71 - 90)
- Much Below Average (51 - 70)
- Extremely Below Average (Below 51)

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Values

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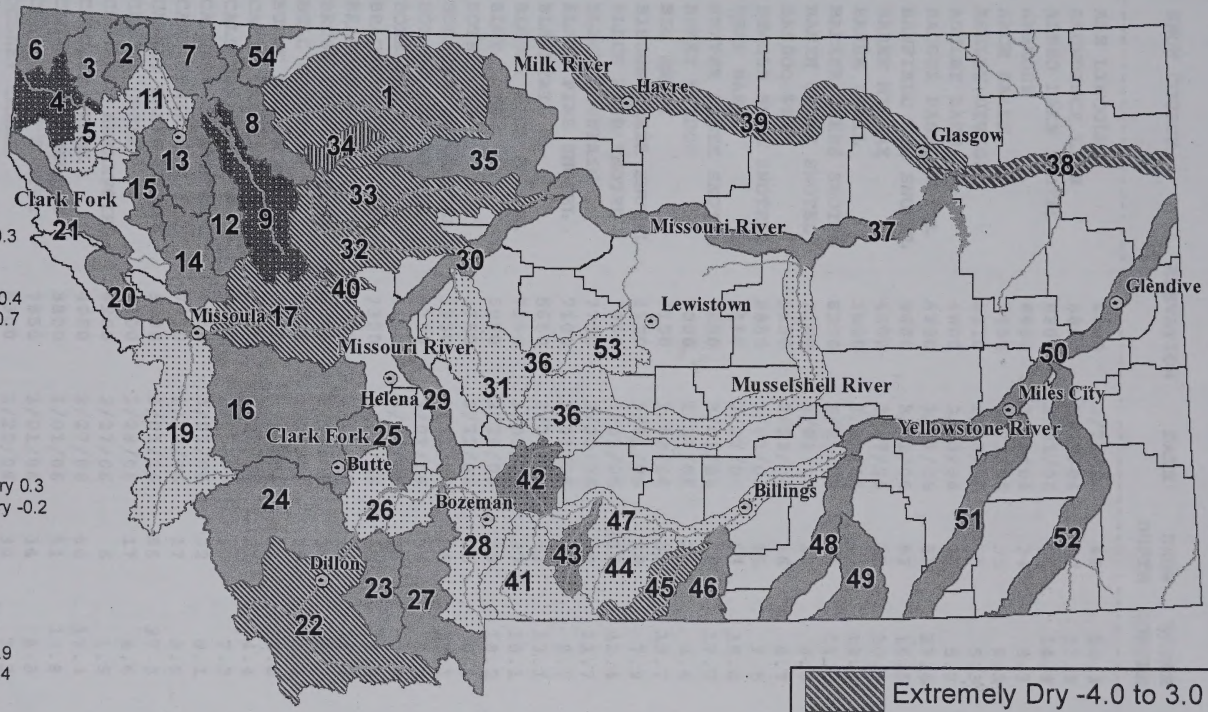

RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

1 Marias above Tiber Reservoir -1.6
2 Tobacco 0.7
3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam 0
4 Kootenai below Libby Dam 3
5 Fisher 1.1
6 Yaak 0.9
7 North FK. Flathead 0.7
8 Middle FK. Flathead 0.3
9 South FK. Flathead 3.1
11 Stillwater/Whitefish 1.4
12 Swan 0.9
13 Flathead at Polson 0.9
14 Mission Valley 0.3
15 Little Bitterroot 0.7
16 Clark Fork above Milltown 0.3
17 Blackfoot -1.7
19 Bitterroot 1.8
20 Clark Fork below Bitterroot 0.4
21 Clark Fork below Flathead 0.7
22 Beaverhead -1.4
23 Ruby 0.6
24 Big Hole 0.5
25 Boulder (Jefferson) 0.8
26 Jefferson 1.4
27 Madison 0.9
28 Gallatin 1.9
29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry 0.3
30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry -0.2
31 Smith 1.6
32 Sun -1.6
33 Teton -1.5
34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks -2.8
35 Marias 0.1
36 Musselshell 1.6
37 Missouriabove Fort Peck -0.9
38 Missouribelow Fort Peck -3.4
39 Milk -1.8
40 Dearbornnear Craig -1.1
41 Yellowstone above Livingston 1.3
42 Shields 2.3
43 Boulder(Yellowstone) 2.5
44 Stillwater 1.3
45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks -1.3
46 Clarks Fork 0.7
47 Yellowstone above Bighorn 1.3
48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake -0.5
49 Little Bighorn -0.2
50 Yellowstone below Bighorn 0.5
51 Tongue -0.5
52 Powder -0.2
53 Upper Judith River 1.8
54 Saint Mary River 0.4

Extremely Dry -4.0 to 3.0
Moderately Dry -2.9 to -2.0
Slightly Dry -1.9 to -1.0
Near Average -0.9 to 0.9
Sightly Wet 1.0 to 1.9
Moderately Wet 2.0 to 2.9
Extremely Wet 3.0 to 4.0
SWSI Not Apllicable

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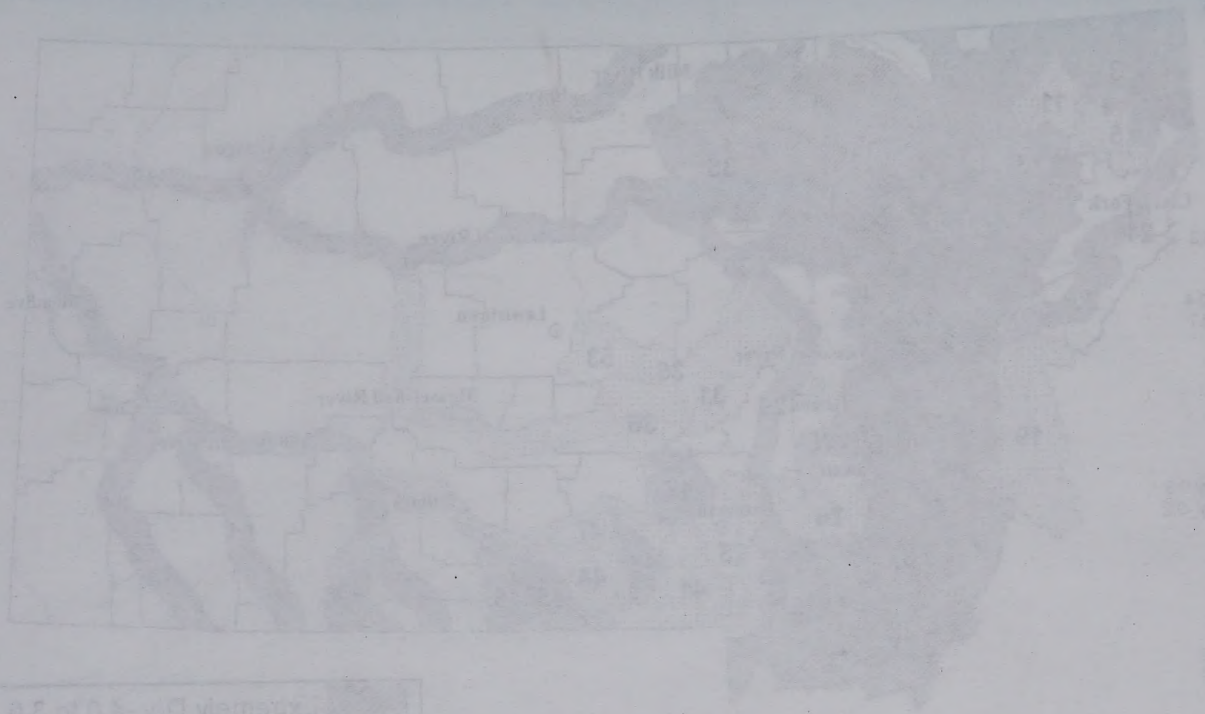

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SNOW COURSE AND SNOTEL DATA SUMMARY

MARCH 2006

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
ABE LINCOLN	4440	2/22/06	49	14.3	4.8	17.0
ABUNDANCE LAKE	8800	2/25/06	57	17.3	7.4	16.7
ALBRO LAKE SNOTEL	8300	3/01/06	58	14.9	8.2	16.5
AMBROSE	6480	2/23/06	34	8.3	4.0	10.5
ARCH FALLS	7350	2/22/06	35	9.3	4.6	9.0
ASHLEY DIVIDE	4820	2/28/06	20	5.3	.6	6.2
ASHLEY LAKE	4000	2/28/06	19	5.2	1.6	5.3
BADGER PASS SNOTEL	6900	3/01/06	82	27.8	13.2	29.7
BANFIELD MTN SNOTEL	5600	3/01/06	57	15.5	7.4	17.0
BAREE MIDWAY	4600	2/27/06	85	30.7	5.0	28.7
BAREE TRAIL	3800	2/27/06	42	12.8	.0	8.2
BARKER LAKES SNOTEL	8250	3/01/06	45	11.0	6.6	11.1
BASIN CREEK SNOTEL	7180	3/01/06	26	6.6	3.1	6.1
BASSOO PEAK	5150	2/23/06	36	8.7	2.9	9.0
BEAGLE SPGS SNOTEL	8850	3/01/06	36	7.5	5.5	7.0
BEAR BASIN	8150	2/27/06	53	15.0	11.2	16.6
BEAVER CREEK SNOTEL	7850	3/01/06	66	17.7	10.8	14.5
BERRY MEADOW	7000	2/27/06	23	5.4	2.2	5.9
BIG SNOWY	7150	3/02/06	55	19.7	9.0	15.3
BISSON CREEK SNOTEL	4920	3/01/06	28	7.9	3.6	8.7
BLACK BEAR SNOTEL	7950	3/01/06	119	42.4	27.7	32.9
BLACK MOUNTAIN	7750	2/28/06	39	11.7	9.4	11.4
BLACK PINE SNOTEL	7100	3/01/06	32	8.9	4.6	10.1
BLACKTAIL	5650	2/28/06	42	13.1	5.7	12.3
BLOODY DICK SNOTEL	7550	3/01/06	37	10.1	5.1	10.6
BLUE LAKE	5900	2/25/06	68	18.2	7.6	21.1
BOTS SOTS	7750	2/22/06	25	5.2	2.8	6.2
BOULDER MTN SNOTEL	7950	3/01/06	65	20.1	8.8	16.6
BOX CANYON SNOTEL	6700	3/01/06	34	9.0	5.5	8.5
BOXELDER CREEK	5100	3/01/06	30	7.6	.0	6.5
BRACKETT CR SNOTEL	7320	3/01/06	55	17.5	12.5	17.0
BRANHAM LAKES	8850	2/27/06	72	26.0	16.8	23.6
BRUSH CREEK TIMBER	5000	2/22/06	24	6.3	.2	7.5
BULL MOUNTAIN	6600	2/24/06	25	6.2	.1	5.1
BURNT MTN SNOTEL	5880	3/01/06	11	3.6	1.3	--
CABIN CREEK	5200	2/26/06	21	4.4	1.2	5.4
CALL ROAD	8050	2/25/06	30	7.3	4.4	9.2
CALVERT CR SNOTEL	6430	3/01/06	32	9.1	3.4	7.5
CAMP SENIA	7890	2/22/06	17	3.9	1.6	4.6
CARROT BASIN SNOTEL	9000	3/01/06	96	27.3	15.4	22.6
CARTER CREEK	7400	2/28/06	17	4.6	2.0	4.2
CHESSMAN RESERVOIR	6200	2/27/06	6	1.5	.8	3.1
CHICKEN CREEK	4060	2/27/06	60	17.4	8.3	14.4
CLOVER MDW SNOTEL	8800	3/01/06	51	13.8	9.7	14.2
COLE CREEK SNOTEL	7850	3/01/06	34	8.8	6.8	12.0
COLLEY CREEK	6300	2/22/06	30	7.3	3.4	7.0
COMBINATION SNOTEL	5600	3/01/06	12	4.1	1.5	4.5
COPPER BOTTOM SNOTEL	5200	3/01/06	28	8.3	.0	9.9
COPPER CAMP SNOTEL	6950	3/01/06	104	41.3	16.9	--
COPPER CREEK	5700	2/25/06	38	9.6	.2	12.5
COPPER MOUNTAIN	7700	2/25/06	35	9.8	5.9	8.9
COTTONWOOD CREEK	6400	2/28/06	21	5.8	3.0	6.0
COYOTE HILL	4200	2/28/06	30	9.7	4.6	9.1
CREVICE MOUNTAIN	8400	2/28/06	36	9.6	4.5	9.0
CRYSTAL LAKE SNOTEL	6050	3/01/06	48	15.0	6.1	9.6
DAD CREEK LAKE	8400	2/25/06	39	9.9	7.6	11.2
DAISY PEAK SNOTEL	7600	3/01/06	33	7.6	4.7	8.7
DALY CREEK SNOTEL	5780	3/01/06	33	9.1	6.2	9.4
DARKHORSE LK. SNOTEL	8700	3/01/06	79	25.8	16.5	26.6
DAVIS CREEK	5400	2/23/06	64	20.8	10.4	20.7

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DEADMAN CR SNOTEL	6450	3/01/06	38	10.7	5.6	8.5
DESERT MOUNTAIN	5600	2/24/06	51	12.5	7.1	12.6
DISCOVERY BASIN	7050	2/23/06	29	6.3	3.5	8.4
DIVIDE SNOTEL	7800	3/01/06	38	9.0	6.4	8.7
DIX HILL	6400	2/26/06	33	9.5	4.1	10.0
DUPUYER CREEK SNOTEL	5750	3/01/06	14	4.1	.8	9.2
EAGLE CREEK	7000	2/27/06	41	9.8	--	--
EAST FORK R.S.	5400	2/24/06	27	5.9	2.6	5.6
EL DORADO MINE	7800	2/25/06	32	9.2	7.8	15.8
ELK HORN SPRINGS	7800	2/25/06	36	9.3	2.3	7.6
ELK PEAK	8000	2/28/06	36	10.7	7.7	12.6
EMERY CREEK SNOTEL	4350	3/01/06	50	13.6	5.8	13.3
FATTY CREEK	5500	3/02/06	66	22.9	9.2	20.4
FISH CREEK	8000	2/28/06	28	6.6	3.1	7.8
FISHER CREEK SNOTEL	9100	3/01/06	111	35.7	19.8	29.6
FIVE-BULL	5700	2/26/06	19	3.6	.6	5.3
FLATTOP MTN SNOTEL	6300	3/01/06	140	43.9	24.4	39.2
FLEECER RIDGE	7500	2/24/06	38	8.9	3.4	9.2
FOOLHEN	8280	2/25/06	44	12.3	6.4	13.2
FOREST LAKE	6400	2/27/06	33	8.3	--	--
FOUR MILE	6900	2/24/06	26	6.7	3.2	6.8
FOURTH OF JULY	3450	2/22/06	29	7.7	1.6	8.4
FREIGHT CREEK	6000	2/25/06	46	10.4	3.0	12.6
FROHNER MDWS SNOTEL	6480	3/01/06	24	6.2	4.7	6.3
GARVER CREEK SNOTEL	4250	3/01/06	35	8.6	5.6	9.1
GOAT MOUNTAIN	7000	2/25/06	36	8.4	1.6	8.7
GRASSHOPPER	7000	2/28/06	14	4.1	1.9	4.7
GRAVE CRK SNOTEL	4300	3/01/06	56	16.2	7.9	14.5
GRIFFIN CR DIVIDE	5150	2/23/06	35	9.1	1.7	9.5
HAND CREEK SNOTEL	5030	3/01/06	37	10.3	1.8	9.9
HAWKINS LAKE SNOTEL	6450	3/01/06	78	22.9	12.0	23.1
HAYMAKER	8050	2/24/06	35	7.8	--	--
HEBGEN DAM	6550	2/23/06	36	8.6	7.0	10.4
HELL ROARING DIVIDE	5770	2/28/06	91	31.1	15.1	25.8
HERRIG JUNCTION	4850	3/03/06	81	27.8	15.6	22.2
HOLBROOK	4530	3/02/06	30	9.3E	2.4	8.3
HOODOO BASIN SNOTEL	6050	3/01/06	124	41.0	18.7	38.6
INDEPENDENCE	7850	2/23/06	54	16.3	9.9	15.0
INTERGAARD	6450	2/24/06	17	4.6	1.6	6.2
JOHNSON PARK	6450	2/24/06	20	3.8	2.6	5.4
KISHENEHN	3890	2/26/06	44	8.4	2.9	7.3
KRAFT CREEK SNOTEL	4750	3/01/06	41	12.0	4.4	13.6
LAKE CREEK	6100	2/25/06	29	6.8	2.6	7.4
LAKEVIEW CANYON	6930	2/27/06	26	6.6	8.8	8.5
LAKEVIEW RDG. SNOTEL	7400	3/01/06	37	9.4	9.6	9.2
LEMHI RIDGE SNOTEL	8100	3/01/06	37	9.5	6.2	8.7
LICK CREEK SNOTEL	6860	3/01/06	25	8.1	5.1	9.5
LITTLE PARK	7400	2/27/06	51	15.9	8.2	13.0
LOGAN CREEK	4300	2/27/06	29	7.4	3.4	6.2
LONE MOUNTAIN SNOTEL	8880	3/01/06	65	18.2	10.1	15.0
LOWER TWIN SNOTEL	7900	3/01/06	56	15.3	9.6	15.1
LUBRECHT SNOTEL	4680	3/01/06	13	4.4	1.7	5.3
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 3	5450	3/01/06	16	4.0	.9	5.6
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 4	4650	3/01/06	7	2.4	.1	2.7
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 6	4040	3/01/06	11	3.3	.4	3.2
LUBRECHT HYDROPLOT	4200	3/01/06	21	5.0	2.5	5.1
MADISON PLT SNOTEL	7750	3/01/06	71	22.7	15.7	20.9
MANY GLACIER SNOTEL	4900	3/01/06	40	10.2	3.0	14.4
MARIAS PASS	5250	2/28/06	47	14.8	3.6	14.9
MIDDLE MILL CREEK	7850	2/27/06	44	14.1	7.4	13.3
MILL CREEK	7500	2/22/06	41	11.4	6.2	10.2
MINERAL CREEK	4000	2/27/06	58	17.3	5.0	15.8
MONUMENT PK SNOTEL	8850	3/01/06	71	20.7	11.7	17.2
MOSS PEAK SNOTEL	6780	3/01/06	100	34.7	17.8	31.3

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MOULTON RESERVOIR	6850	2/28/06	30	7.6	2.3	6.2
MT LOCKHART SNOTEL	6400	3/01/06	56	16.6	8.8	17.6
MULE CREEK SNOTEL	8300	3/01/06	52	12.7	6.6	13.1
N.E. ENTRANCE SNOTEL	7350	3/01/06	34	9.0	4.4	9.7
NEVADA RIDGE SNOTEL	7020	3/01/06	46	13.2	6.8	13.2
NEW WORLD	6900	2/27/06	45	12.4	6.7	11.1
NEWTON MOUNTAIN	5600	2/22/06	79	28.2	12.0	28.8
NEZ PERCE CMP SNOTEL	5650	3/01/06	49	14.0	6.2	12.7
NEZ PERCE CREEK	6600	2/26/06	26	6.1	1.1	5.6
NEZ PERCE PASS	6570	2/27/06	46	14.2	5.3	15.7
N.F. ELK CR SNOTEL	6250	3/01/06	35	9.4	5.8	10.2
NF JOCKO SNOTEL	6330	3/01/06	107	39.7	23.6	38.5
NOISY BASIN SNOTEL	6040	3/01/06	124	41.7	20.4	33.8
NOTCH	8500	2/25/06	31	8.6	9.0	12.4
OPHIR PARK	7150	2/26/06	42	13.0	5.7	14.1
PETERSON MDW SNOTEL	7200	3/01/06	30	7.2	3.9	7.8
PICKET PIN LOWER	6200	2/24/06	9	1.3	.0	--
PICKET PIN MIDDLE	7250	2/24/06	33	7.3	4.0	--
PICKET PIN UPPER	8100	2/24/06	54	15.5	7.0	--
PICKFOOT CRK SNOTEL	6650	3/01/06	39	11.4	4.1	9.9
PIKE CREEK SNOTEL	5930	3/01/06	71	23.6	9.8	22.8
PIPESTONE PASS	7200	2/25/06	16	4.2	.8	4.1
PLACER BASIN SNOTEL	8830	3/01/06	58	16.0	10.1	14.2
POORMAN CR SNOTEL	5100	3/01/06	104	37.5	14.7	28.2
PORCUPINE SNOTEL	6500	3/01/06	26	7.1	2.9	5.8
POTOMAGETON PARK	7150	2/24/06	49	14.2	7.9	12.1
RED TOP	5260	2/22/06	66	22.0	11.6	23.8
REVAIS CREEK	4800	3/01/06	1	.2	.0	3.1
ROCK CREEK	5600	3/02/06	37	12.2	4.6	8.4
ROCK CREEK MEADOW	8160	2/27/06	67	21.3	10.0	16.6
ROCKER PEAK SNOTEL	8000	3/01/06	44	12.1	5.9	11.2
ROCKY BOY SNOTEL	4700	3/01/06	15	4.4	.0	4.3
SACAJAWEA	6550	2/22/06	40	10.3	7.9	11.2
SACAJAWEA SNOTEL	6550	3/01/06	38	12.5	8.7	12.0
SADDLE MTN SNOTEL	7900	3/01/06	81	23.9	11.6	21.8
S.F. SHIELDS SNOTEL	8100	3/01/06	52	16.1	9.7	13.6
SHORT CREEK SNOTEL	7000	3/01/06	20	5.2	3.4	4.9
SHOWER FALLS SNOTEL	8100	3/01/06	71	19.0	12.7	17.4
SKALKAHO SNOTEL	7260	3/01/06	68	21.3	9.4	20.2
SLEEPING WOMAN SNTL	6150	3/01/06	48	12.5	6.7	14.0
SLIDE ROCK MOUNTAIN	7100	2/24/06	36	11.3	5.4	12.6
SMUGGLER MINE	6960	2/27/06	30	8.6	3.9	8.1
SPOTTED BEAR MTN.	7000	2/24/06	42	11.0	4.6	12.7
SPUR PARK SNOTEL	8100	3/01/06	65	19.0	12.1	17.7
STAHL PEAK SNOTEL	6030	3/01/06	108	34.2	22.0	29.9
STEMPLE PASS	6600	2/27/06	35	8.2	3.2	8.3
STORM LAKE	7780	2/23/06	40	10.8	6.2	10.2
STRYKER BASIN	6180	3/03/06	96	35.5	17.1	26.9
STUART MOUNTAIN SNTL	7400	3/01/06	91	30.5	15.6	28.9
SUCKER CREEK	3960	3/01/06	2	.8e	.0	.3
TAYLOR ROAD	4080	3/01/06	13	3.3	.0	2.7
TEN MILE LOWER	6600	2/27/06	25	6.4	2.4	5.9
TEN MILE MIDDLE	6800	2/27/06	34	8.7	4.0	8.9
TEPEE CREEK SNOTEL	8000	3/01/06	52	13.8	8.7	10.7
TIMBERLINE CREEK	8850	2/22/06	34	8.0	6.7	11.0
TIZER BASIN SNOTEL	6840	3/01/06	32	8.2	4.7	7.9
TRAIL CREEK	7090	2/25/06	28	7.9	3.6	7.0
TRINKUS LAKE	6100	2/24/06	108	36.7	20.0	36.4
TRUMAN CREEK	4060	3/02/06	15	4.3	1.4	4.4
TV MOUNTAIN	6800	3/02/06	52	17.6	7.9	15.2
TWELVEMILE SNOTEL	5600	3/01/06	61	19.2	7.3	16.0
TWENTY-ONE MILE	7150	3/01/06	58	17.3	8.8	14.3
TWIN CREEKS	3580	2/24/06	40	9.7	2.2	10.2
TWIN LAKES SNOTEL	6400	3/01/06	115	42.5	18.5	34.7

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
UPPER HOLLAND LAKE	6200	2/25/06	89	27.4	15.5	30.0
WALDRON SNOTEL	5600	3/01/06	36	9.9	3.9	9.7
WARM SPRINGS SNOTEL	7800	3/01/06	60	17.6	9.1	17.0
WEASEL DIVIDE	5450	2/28/06	92	32.2	19.9	28.7
WEST YELL'ST SNOTEL	6700	3/01/06	44	12.2	7.7	11.2
WHISKEY CREEK SNOTEL	6800	3/01/06	52	13.6	10.8	14.4
WHITE MILL SNOTEL	8700	3/01/06	77	22.8	13.0	20.3
WHITE PINE RIDGE	8850	2/25/06	19	4.7	2.8	4.7
WILLOW CREEK	6500	2/23/06	23	5.8	1.4	6.3
WOOD CREEK SNOTEL	5960	3/01/06	32	9.5	4.4	8.2
WRONG CREEK	5700	2/27/06	40	10.2	4.7	11.0
WRONG RIDGE	6800	3/01/06	---	14.8E	7.5	15.4

Montana Water Supply Outlook Report as of March 1, 2006

Mountain precipitation during February was near average at 98 percent. Mountain precipitation in the Columbia was 103 percent of average; Missouri was 99 percent of average; St. Mary was 128 percent of average; and Yellowstone was 89 percent of average. Temperatures ranged from above average to below average but generally were near to above average east of the divide and near to below average west of the divide.

Snowpack

March 1 is more than three quarters of the way through the main snowfall period and there are normally about four to six weeks remaining until the seasonal snowpack peak is reached. State-wide, mountain snow water content was 104 percent of average and about twice that of last year at this time. West of the Continental Divide, snowpack was 103 percent of average and 224 percent of last year and east of the Continental Divide, snowpack was 99 percent of average and 165 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR	FEBRUARY % CHANGE
COLUMBIA	103	224	-2
KOOTENAI, MONTANA	106	228	0
KOOTENAY, CANADA	92	117	+2
FLATHEAD, MONTANA	106	212	+2
FLATHEAD, CANADA	108	234	+12
UPPER CLARK FORK	96	214	-11
BITTERROOT	108	228	-4
LOWER CLARK FORK	108	274	0
MISSOURI	104	185	-5
MISSOURI HEADWATERS	105	167	-12
JEFFERSON	103	174	-10
MADISON	107	158	-12
GALLATIN	111	167	-9
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	101	231	+5
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	104	205	0
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	117	203	-1
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	92	236	+8
MILK	87	--	+19
BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	117	--	+10
CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	60	--	+34
ST. MARY	103	220	+8
ST. MARY & MILK	97	281	+15
YELLOWSTONE	92	137	-1
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	102	164	-7
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	82	113	+1
STATE-WIDE	104	198	-4

Precipitation

February mountain and valley precipitation across the state was 97 percent of average and 306 percent of last year, while the water year precipitation was 112 percent of average and 169 percent of last year. West of the Continental Divide, February mountain and valley precipitation was 100 percent of average and 367 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 109 percent of average and 171 percent of last year. East of the Divide, February mountain and valley precipitation was 95 percent of average and 260 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 115 percent of average and 168 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	FEBRUARY % OF AVERAGE	WATER YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	100	109
KOOTENAI	101	110
FLATHEAD	110	112
UPPER CLARK FORK	93	102
BITTERROOT	105	112
LOWER CLARK FORK	93	110
MISSOURI	96	116
JEFFERSON	81	114
MADISON	83	122
GALLATIN	85	121
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	77	115
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	111	121
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	129	97
MILK	172	122
ST. MARY	128	107
YELLOWSTONE	86	105
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	81	109
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	90	103
STATE-WIDE	97	112

Reservoirs

Major reservoir storages state-wide were 86 percent of average and 99 percent of last year. Reservoir storage west of the Continental Divide was 149 percent of average and 92 percent of last year. East of the Continental Divide, reservoir storages were 69 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	149	92
KOOTENAI	192	99
FLATHEAD	124	85
UPPER CLARK FORK	108	138
BITTERROOT	90	70
LOWER CLARK FORK	104	103
MISSOURI	67	102
JEFFERSON	76	133
MADISON	105	95
GALLATIN	149	99
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	64	103
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	68	150
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	101	95
MILK	97	98
ST. MARY	111	97
YELLOWSTONE	103	124
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	116	100
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	102	125
STATE-WIDE	86	99

Streamflow

Streamflows across Montana are forecast to average 84 to 99 percent of normal, and much above the forecasts last year at this time. West of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to average 89 to 100 percent of normal and east of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to average 81 to 99 percent of normal.

Below are averaged streamflow forecasts, by river basin, for the period April 1 through July 31. THESE FORECASTS ASSUME NEAR NORMAL SPRING CONDITIONS AND DO NOT ACCOUNT FOR WELL BELOW AVERAGE (70% or less) OR ABOVE AVERAGE (110% or more) SNOWMELT OR SPRING RAIN. Specific forecast probabilities are available in each individual River Basin Report on the Montana NRCS web page.

RIVER BASIN	April-July THIS YEAR % OF AVERAGE	April-July LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	89 to 100	40 to 45
KOOTENAI	90 to 99	54 to 60
FLATHEAD	95 to 104	46 to 50
UPPER CLARK FORK	78 to 94	31 to 36
BITTERROOT	103 to 112	42 to 47
LOWER CLARK FORK	89 to 98	35 to 39
MISSOURI	78 to 98	38 to 53
JEFFERSON	70 to 91	28 to 44
MADISON	103 to 111	72 to 80
GALLATIN	99 to 110	59 to 70
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	87 to 102	44 to 58
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	99 to 119	27 to 42
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	68 to 86	36 to 50
MILK	46 to 86	37 to 56
ST. MARY	85 to 92	60 to 67
YELLOWSTONE	88 to 100	58 to 70
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	98 to 108	59 to 69
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	75 to 89	57 to 71
STATE-WIDE	84 to 99	43 to 53

NOTE: The *APRIL-JULY LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE* column above is what was forecast March 1 last year, NOT what actually occurred.

Surface Water Supply Index

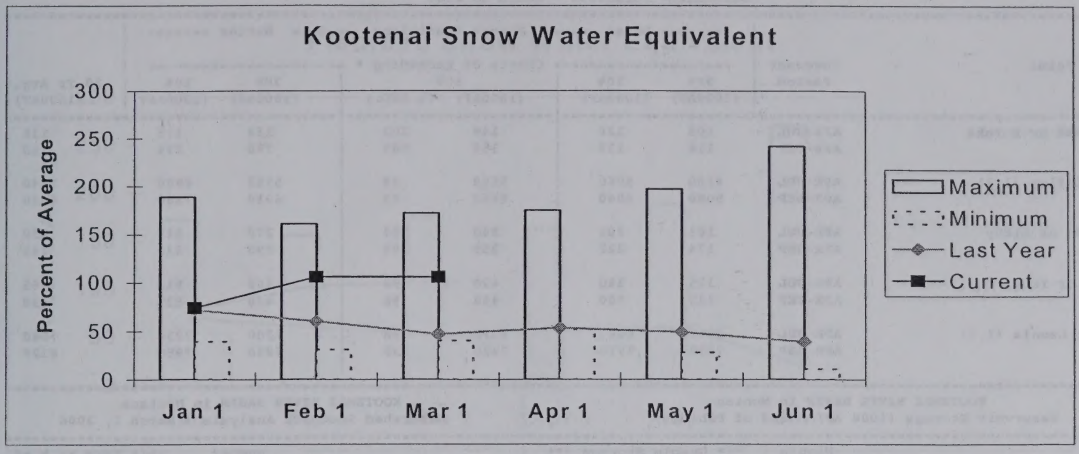
The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is a measure of available surface water availability for the spring and summer months. Water users that rely on mountain precipitation can use the index to evaluate seasonal surface water supplies. The SWSI accounts for mountain snowpack, mountain precipitation, streamflow, reservoir storage, and soil moisture.

SWSI RATING	SURFACE WATER CONDITION
+3.0 to +4.0	Extremely Wet
+2.0 to +2.9	Moderately Wet
+1.0 to +1.9	Slightly Wet
-0.9 to +0.9	Near Average
-1.0 to -1.9	Slightly Dry
-2.0 to -2.9	Moderately Dry
-3.0 to -4.0	Extremely Dry

This year SWSI	Last year SWSI	Basin
+0.7	-2.8	Tobacco River
0.0	-3.0	Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam
+3.0	-0.4	Kootenai River below Libby Dam
+1.1	-3.0	Fisher River
+0.9	-3.4	Yaak River
+0.7	-3.3	North Fork Flathead River
+0.3	-3.9	Middle FORK Flathead River
+3.1	-3.3	South Fork Flathead River
+1.3	-3.0	Flathead River at Columbia Falls
+1.4	-3.9	Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
+0.9	-4.0	Swan River
+0.9	-3.3	Flathead River at Polson
+0.3	----	Mission Valley
+0.7	----	Little Bitterroot River
+0.3	-3.8	Clark Fork River above Milltown
-1.7	-3.8	Blackfoot River
+1.8	-4.0	Bitterroot River
+0.4	-4.0	Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River
+0.7	-3.5	Clark Fork River below Flathead River
-1.4	-3.8	Beaverhead River
+0.6	-3.0	Ruby River
+0.5	-3.3	Big Hole River
+0.8	-3.9	Boulder River (Jefferson)
+1.4	-4.0	Jefferson River
+0.9	-1.8	Madison River
+1.9	-3.5	Gallatin River
+0.3	-3.2	Missouri River above Canyon Ferry
-0.2	-4.0	Missouri River below Canyon Ferry
+1.6	-4.0	Smith River
-1.6	-4.0	Sun River
-1.5	-4.0	Teton River
-2.8	-3.4	Birch/Dupuyer Creeks
+1.8	----	Upper Judith River
-1.6	-3.9	Marias River above Tiber
+0.1	-3.5	Marias River below Tiber
+1.6	-3.1	Musselshell River
-0.9	-3.2	Missouri River above Ft. Peck
-3.4	-4.0	Missouri River below Ft. Peck
+0.4	----	St. Mary River
-1.8	-1.9	Milk River
-1.1	-4.0	Dearborn River near Craig
+1.3	-3.1	Yellowstone River above Livingston
+2.3	-2.9	Shields River
+2.5	-3.6	Boulder River (Yellowstone)
+1.3	-3.4	Stillwater River
-1.3	-3.6	Rock/Red Lodge Creeks
+0.7	-3.8	Clarks Fork River
+1.3	-3.3	Yellowstone River above Bighorn River
-0.5	-1.2	Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake
-0.2	-2.9	Little Bighorn River
+0.5	-2.4	Yellowstone River below Bighorn River
-0.5	-2.4	Tongue River
-0.2	-1.7	Powder River

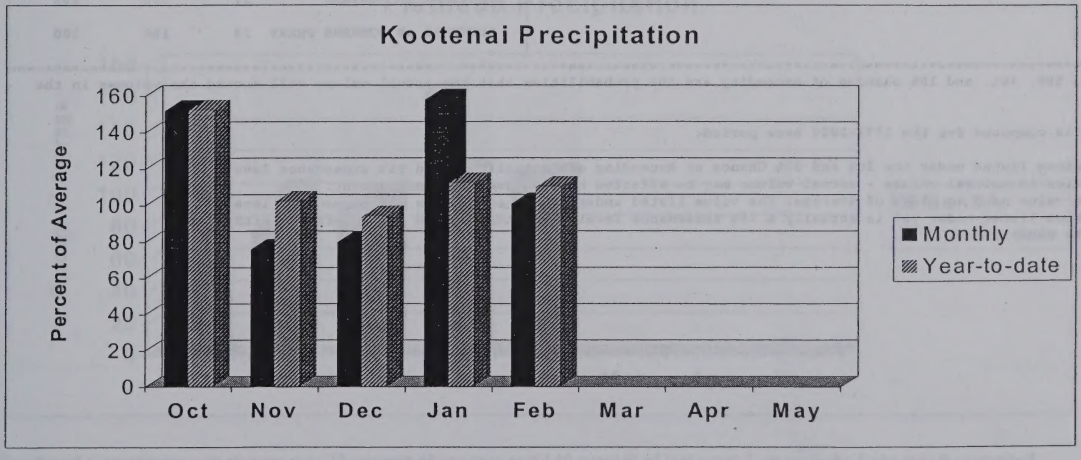
Kootenai River Basin in Montana

Snowpack conditions in the Kootenai River Basin were slightly above average and is the same percent of average as on February 1. Snow water content was 106 percent of average and 228 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Kootenay in Canada was 88 percent of average and 119 percent of last year and decreased 2 percent from February 1.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 2001and 2005; May maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during February was 103 percent of average and 307 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 79 percent of average and 820 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 110 percent of average and 147 percent of last year.



Lake Koocanusa storage was 192 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 90 percent to 99 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.7 in the Tobacco River; 0.0 in the Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam; +3.0 in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam; +1.1 in the Fisher River; and +0.9 in the Yaak River.

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
BACCO RIVER nr Eureka	APR-JUL	105	126	140	103	154	175	136
	APR-SEP	114	138	154	103	170	194	150
BBY RES Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	4100	5060	5500	98	5940	6900	5640
	APR-SEP	5080	6040	6480	98	6920	7880	6640
SHER RIVER nr Libby	APR-JUL	163	209	240	104	270	315	230
	APR-SEP	174	222	255	104	290	335	245
AK RIVER nr Troy	APR-JUL	325	380	420	90	460	515	465
	APR-SEP	345	400	440	90	480	535	490
OTENAI at Leonia (1,2)	APR-JUL	5810	6540	6870	98	7200	7930	7040
	APR-SEP	7890	7910	7920	98	7930	7950	8120

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
KE KOOCANUSA	5748.0	3751.0	3806.0	1950.0

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
KOOTENAY in CANADA	12	121	87
KOOTENAI MAINTSTEM	3	217	112
TOBACCO	3	166	113
FISHER	4	859	111
YAAK	7	215	95
KOOTENAI in MONTANA	17	228	106
KOOTENAI ab BONNERS FERRY	29	186	100

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e average is computed for the 1971-2000 base period.

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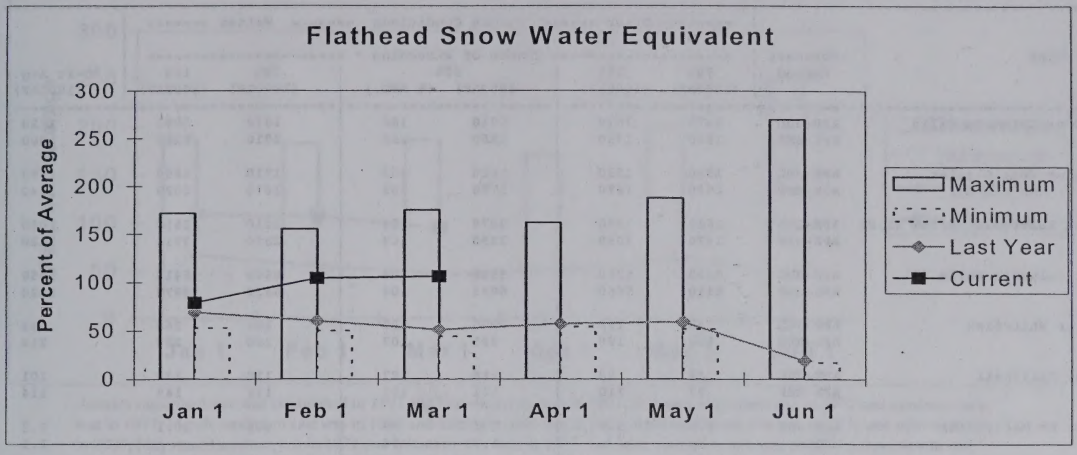
) - The value is natural volume - actual volume may be affected by upstream water management.
) - Median value used in place of average. The value listed under 30% is actually a 25% exceedance level. The value listed under 70% is actually a 75% exceedance level. Forecast issued in cooperation with Alberta Environment.

Flathead River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Flathead River Basin were near average and increased 2 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 106 percent of average and 212 percent of last. Snow water content in the North Fork Flathead River in Canada was 108 percent of average and 234 percent of last year and increased 12 percent from February 1.



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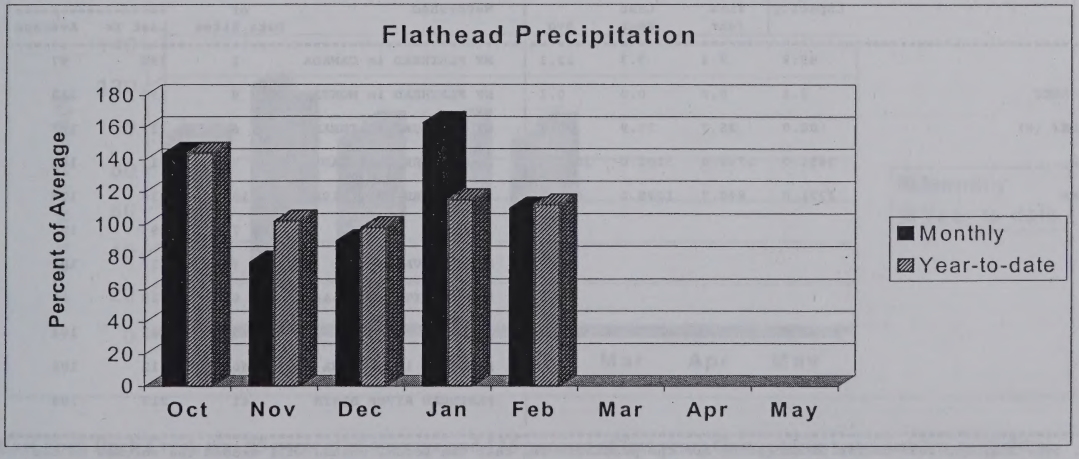
Mountain precipitation during February was 111 percent of average and 342 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 99 percent of average. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 112 percent of average and 154 percent of last year.



Combined Camas reservoir storage was 33 percent of average and 140 percent of last year; Lower Jocko Lake was 0 percent of average; combined Mission Valley reservoir storage was 71 percent of average and 64 percent of last year; Hungry Horse storage was 134 percent of average and 89 percent of last year; and Flathead Lake storage was 105 percent of average and 77 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 95 percent to 104 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.7 in the North Fork Flathead River; +0.3 in the Middle Fork Flathead River; +3.1 in the South Fork Flathead River; +1.3 in the Flathead River at Columbia Falls; +1.4 in the Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers; +0.9 in the Swan River; +0.9 in the Flathead River at Polson; +0.3in the Mission Valley; and +0.7 in the Little Bitterroot River.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
FLATHEAD nr Columbia Falls	APR-JUL	1470	1610	1710	106	1810	1950	1620
	APR-SEP	1640	1790	1900	106	2010	2160	1800
FLATHEAD nr West Glacier	APR-JUL	1390	1530	1620	102	1710	1850	1590
	APR-SEP	1520	1670	1770	102	1870	2020	1740
NGRY HORSE Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	1630	1930	2070	104	2210	2510	2000
	APR-SEP	1670	2030	2190	103	2350	2710	2120
ATHEAD at Columbia Falls (2)	APR-JUL	4690	5200	5550	104	5900	6410	5350
	APR-SEP	5110	5660	6040	104	6420	6970	5820
ILLWATER nr Whitefish	APR-JUL	143	180	205	107	228	268	192
	APR-SEP	158	198	225	107	250	290	210
ITEFISH nr Kalispell	APR-JUL	84	98	108	107	118	132	101
	APR-SEP	93	110	121	106	132	149	114
HLEY CREEK nr Marion (2)	APR-JUL	4.1	5.9	7.1	99	8.3	10.1	7.2
	MARCH			1.0	98			1.1
AN RIVER nr Bigfork	APR-JUL	495	560	600	106	640	705	565
	APR-SEP	560	630	680	105	730	800	645
athead Lake inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	5220	6100	6500	105	6900	7780	6180
	APR-SEP	5660	6620	7050	105	7480	8440	6700

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MAS (4)	45.2	7.4	5.3	22.1
WER JOCKO LAKE	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
SSION VALLEY (8)	100.0	25.7	39.9	36.3
NGRY HORSE	3451.0	2748.0	3102.0	2047.6
ATHEAD LAKE	1791.0	840.2	1095.0	802.7

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
NF FLATHEAD in CANADA	1	290	97
NF FLATHEAD in MONTANA	9	191	112
MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD	6	213	103
SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD	7	211	103
STILLWATER-WHITEFISH	10	238	116
SWAN	7	194	105
MISSION VALLEY	4	217	108
LITTLE BITTERROOT-ASHLEY	6	329	98
JOCKO	5	187	101
FLATHEAD in MONTANA	40	212	106
FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN	41	213	106

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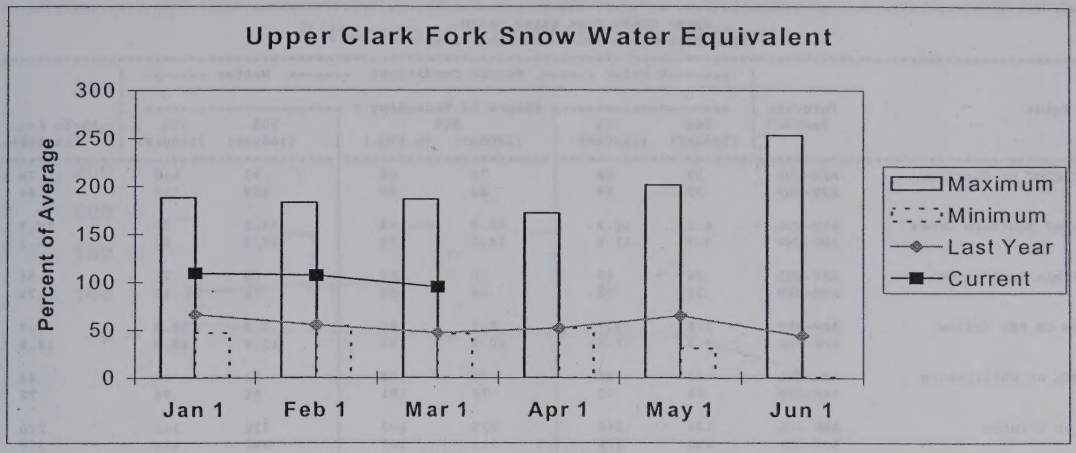
Upper Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin were near average and decreased 11 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 96 percent of average and 214 percent of last year.



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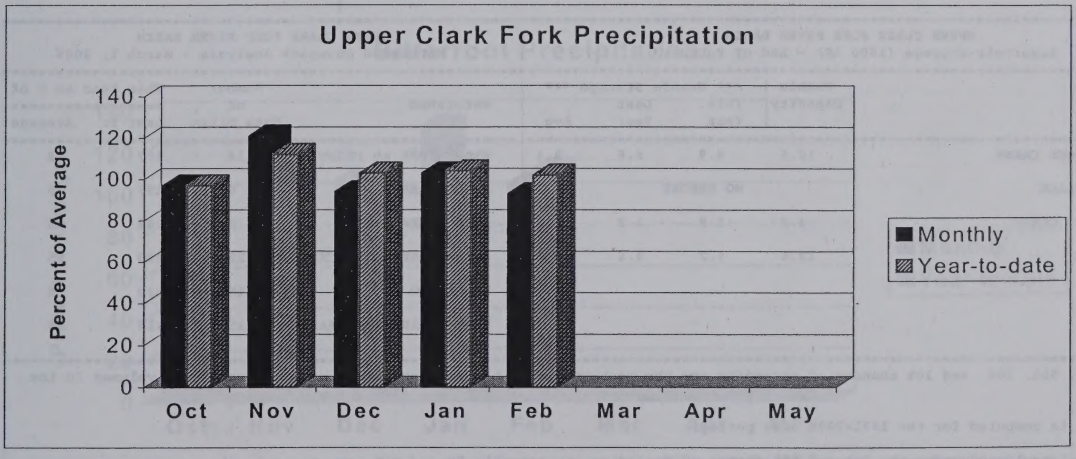
Mountain precipitation during February was 94 percent of average and 339 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 80 percent of average and 419 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 102 percent of average and 177 percent of last year.



East Fork Rock Creek was 95 percent of average and 135 percent of last year; Georgetown Lake was not available; Lower Willow Creek storage was 145 percent of average and 161 percent of last year; and Nevada Creek storage was 119 percent of average and 135 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 78 percent to 94 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.3 in the Clark Fork River above Milltown; -1.7 in the Blackfoot River; and -0.1 in the Clark Fork River above Missoula.

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
TTLE BLACKFOOT nr Garrison	APR-JUL	33	58	75	99	92	117	76
	APR-SEP	37	64	82	98	100	127	84
INT CREEK nr Southern Cross	APR-JUL	6.1	10.1	12.9	94	15.7	20	13.7
	APR-SEP	6.7	11.8	15.2	94	18.6	24	16.2
INT CREEK blw Boulder Ck	APR-JUL	24	40	50	89	60	76	56
	APR-SEP	33	52	64	90	76	95	71
WER WILLOW CK RES Inflow	APR-MAY	3.8	5.7	7.0	85	8.3	10.2	8.2
	APR-JUL	4.4	7.8	10.1	81	12.4	15.8	12.5
ROCK CREEK nr Philipsburg	APR-JUL	46	57	65	102	73	84	64
	APR-SEP	52	65	73	101	81	94	72
CK CREEK nr Clinton	APR-JUL	184	240	275	102	310	365	270
	APR-SEP	210	270	310	102	350	410	305
ARK FORK abv Milltown	APR-JUL	310	470	580	96	690	850	605
	APR-SEP	380	555	675	96	795	965	705
VADA CREEK nr Helmville	APR-MAY	4.1	6.6	8.3	81	10.0	12.5	10.3
	APR-JUL	6.6	11.0	13.9	80	16.8	22	17.3
ACKFOOT RIVER nr Bonner	APR-JUL	510	650	745	93	840	985	805
	APR-SEP	575	725	825	93	930	1080	890
ARK FORK abv Missoula	APR-JUL	950	1170	1320	94	1470	1690	1410
	APR-SEP	1090	1340	1500	94	1660	1910	1600

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ST FORK ROCK CREEK	15.6	8.9	6.6	9.4
ORGETOWN LAKE		NO REPORT		
WER WILLOW CREEK	4.9	2.9	1.8	2.0
VADA CREEK	12.6	6.2	4.6	5.2

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
CLARK FORK ab FLINT CREEK	14	197	98
FLINT CREEK	6	197	89
ROCK CREEK	5	204	96
CLARK FORK ab BLACKFOOT	22	200	95
BLACKFOOT	15	230	96
UPPER CLARK FORK BASIN	35	214	96

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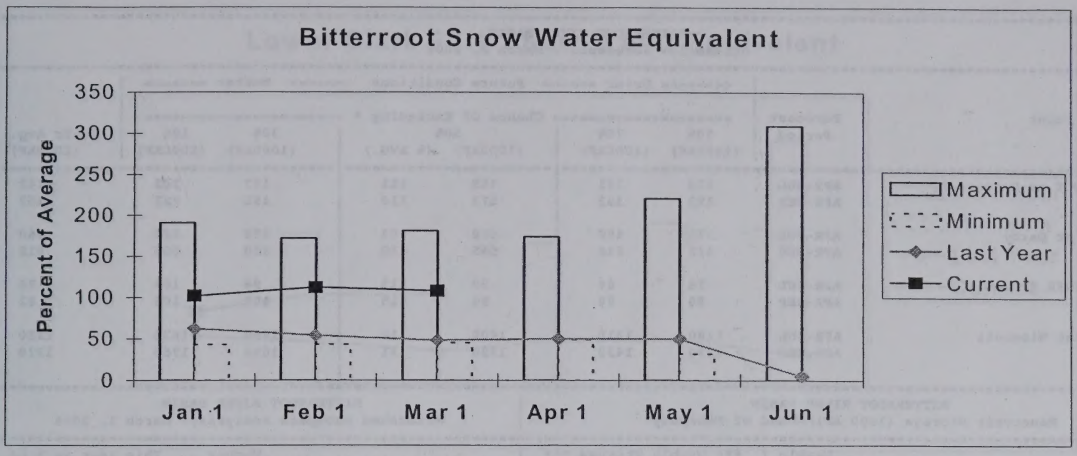
Bitterroot River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Bitterroot River Basin were slightly above average and decreased 4 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 108 percent of average and 228 percent of last year.



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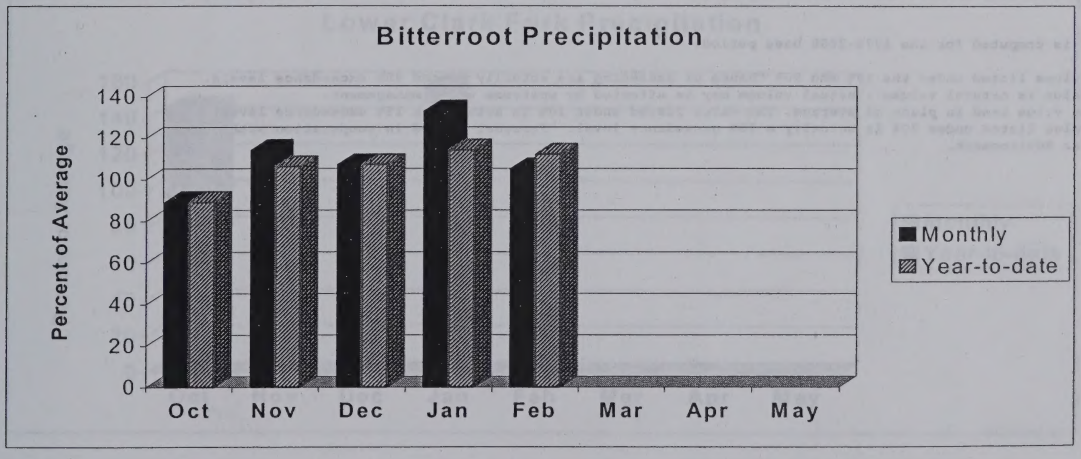
Mountain precipitation during February was 108 percent of average and 356 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 50 percent of average and 442 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 112 percent of average and 208 percent of last year.



Painted Rocks Lake storage was 97 percent of average and 103 percent of last year and Como storage was 85 percent of average and 59 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 103 percent to 112 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.8 in the Bitterroot River.

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
' BITTERROOT nr Conner (2)	APR-JUL	114	141	159	111	177	203	143
	APR-SEP	122	152	173	110	192	222	157
:TTERROOT nr Darby	APR-JUL	375	450	500	109	550	625	460
	APR-SEP	435	510	565	110	620	695	515
)MO RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	76	84	90	115	96	104	78
	APR-SEP	80	88	94	115	100	108	82
:TTERROOT at Missoula	APR-JUL	1180	1310	1400	112	1490	1620	1250
	APR-SEP	1280	1420	1520	111	1620	1760	1370

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

:servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
.INTED ROCKS LAKE	31.7	6.8	6.6	7.0
)MO	34.9	10.6	18.1	12.4

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
WEST FORK BITTERROOT	3	226	104
EAST SIDE BITTERROOT	5	203	101
WEST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	245	117
BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN	10	228	108

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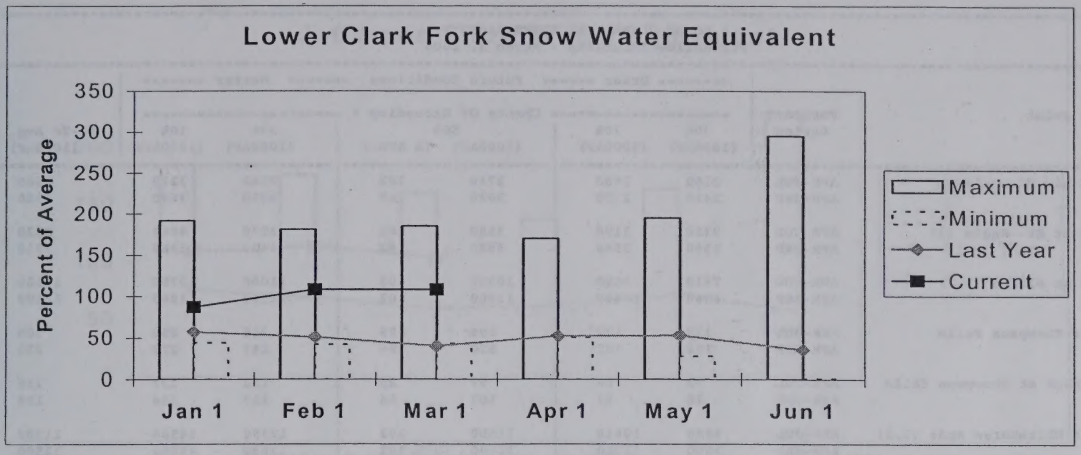
Lower Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Clark Fork River Basin were slightly above average and are the same percent of average as on February 1. Snow water content was 108 percent of average and 274 percent of last year.



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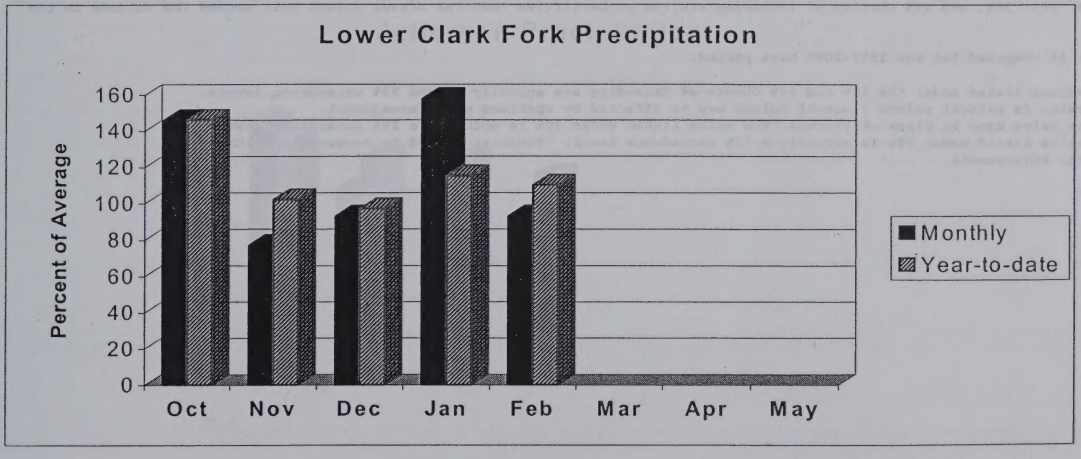
Mountain precipitation during February was 98 percent of average and 362 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 74 percent of average and 574 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 114 percent of average and 214 percent of last year.



Noxon Rapids storage was 104 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 89 percent to 98 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.4 in the Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River and +0.7 in the Clark Fork River below Flathead River.

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
ARK FORK blw Missoula	APR-JUL	2150	2480	2710	102	2940	3270	2660
	APR-SEP	2410	2770	3020	102	3270	3630	2960
ARK FORK at St. Regis (1)	APR-JUL	2320	3190	3580	102	3970	4840	3520
	APR-SEP	2580	3540	3980	102	4420	5380	3910
ARK FORK nr Plains (1,2)	APR-JUL	7810	9520	10300	102	11080	12790	10100
	APR-SEP	8560	10440	11300	102	12160	14040	11100
HOMPSON nr Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	139	172	194	95	216	250	205
	APR-SEP	162	197	220	96	243	278	230
COSPECT CREEK at Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	71	88	99	85	110	127	116
	APR-SEP	78	95	107	86	119	136	124
ARK FK at Whitehorse Rpds (1,2)	APR-JUL	8640	10610	11500	102	12390	14360	11300
	APR-SEP	9550	11720	12700	102	13680	15850	12500

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
OXON RAPIDS	335.0	309.5	301.3	297.5

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
LOWER CLARK FORK BASIN	12	274	108

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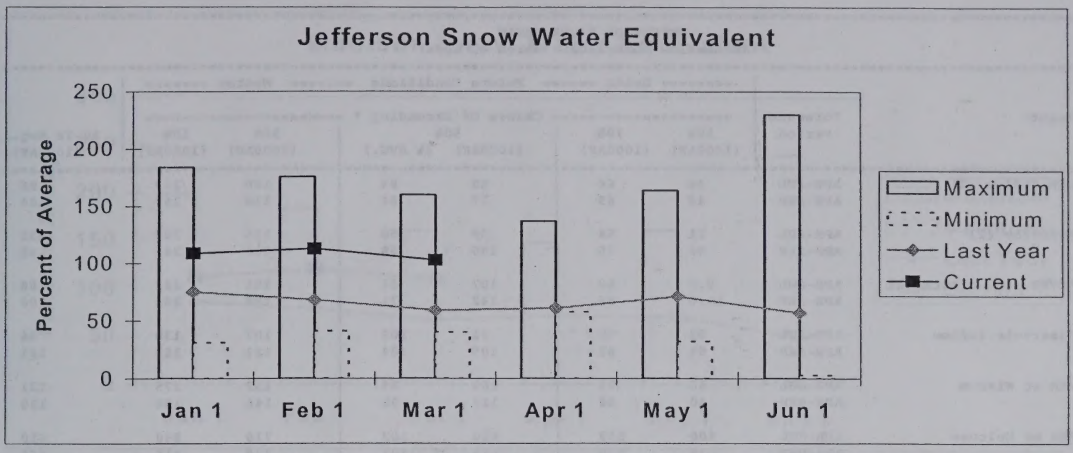
Jefferson River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Jefferson River Basin were near average and decreased 10 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 103 percent of average and 174 percent of last year.



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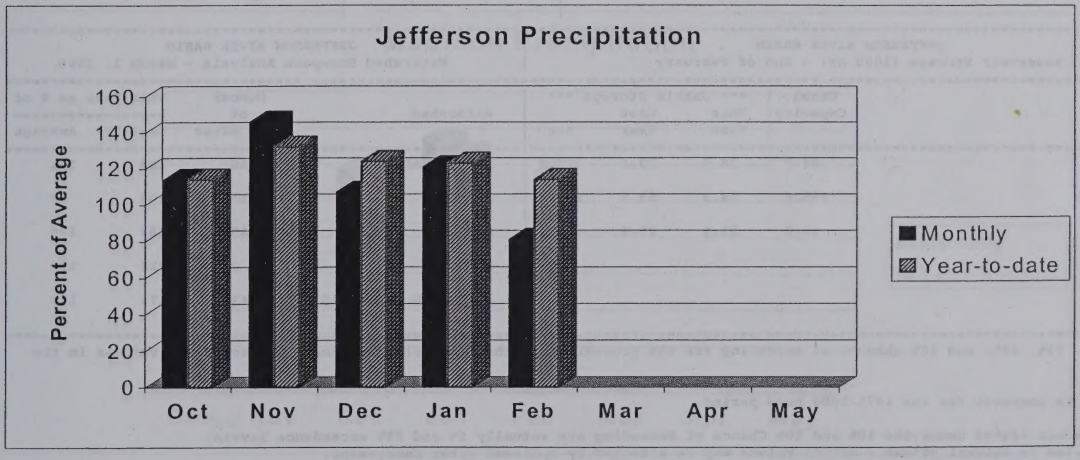
Mountain precipitation during February was 84 percent of average and 240 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 30 percent of average and 96 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 114 percent of average and 178 percent of last year.



Lima storage was 109 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; Clark Canyon storage was 67 percent of average and 181 percent of last year; and Ruby River storage was 78 percent of average and 84 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 70 percent to 91 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.4 in the Beaverhead River; +0.6 in the Ruby River; +0.5 in the Big Hole River; +0.9 in the Boulder River; and +1.4 in the Jefferson River as a whole.

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
MA RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	46	64	80	83	100	139	96
	APR-SEP	48	69	87	84	110	157	104
ARK CANYON Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	31	54	79	60	115	200	131
	APR-SEP	46	75	106	68	149	246	156
AVERHEAD RIVER at Barretts (2)	APR-JUL	8.0	60	107	64	154	221	168
	APR-SEP	10.0	86	142	71	198	283	200
BY RIVER Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	52	75	91	108	107	130	84
	APR-SEP	61	87	105	104	123	149	101
G HOLE RIVER at Wisdom	APR-JUL	30	74	103	85	132	175	121
	APR-SEP	40	86	117	90	148	194	130
G HOLE RIVER nr Melrose	APR-JUL	400	530	620	102	710	840	610
	APR-SEP	435	580	675	102	770	915	660
FFERSON RIVER nr Twin Bridges (2)	APR-JUL	540	610	655	83	700	770	785
	APR-SEP	590	675	730	83	785	870	880
ULDER RIVER nr Boulder	APR-JUL	38	64	81	104	98	124	78
	APR-SEP	41	69	88	104	107	135	85
LLOW CREEK Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	7.0	14.2	19.0	106	24	31	17.9
	APR-SEP	8.1	16.4	22	110	28	36	20
FFERSON RIVER nr Three Forks (2)	APR-JUL	515	710	845	108	975	1175	780
	APR-SEP	585	795	935	109	1080	1280	860

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MA	84.0	38.8	39.6	35.7
ARK CANYON	255.6	96.9	53.5	144.2
BY RIVER	38.8	21.4	25.4	27.4

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
BEAVERHEAD	16	145	101
RUBY	11	158	98
BIGHOLE	15	209	104
BOULDER	9	222	106
JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN	43	174	103

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Madison River Basin

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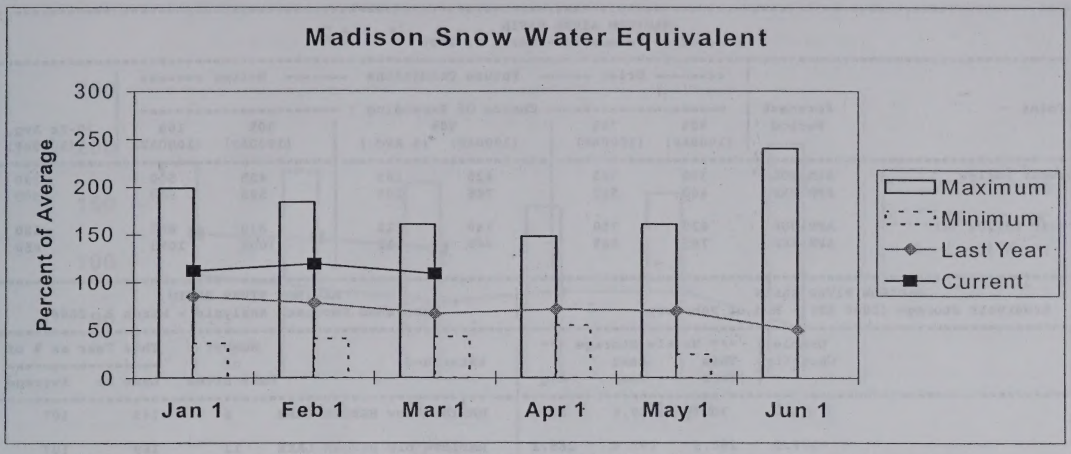

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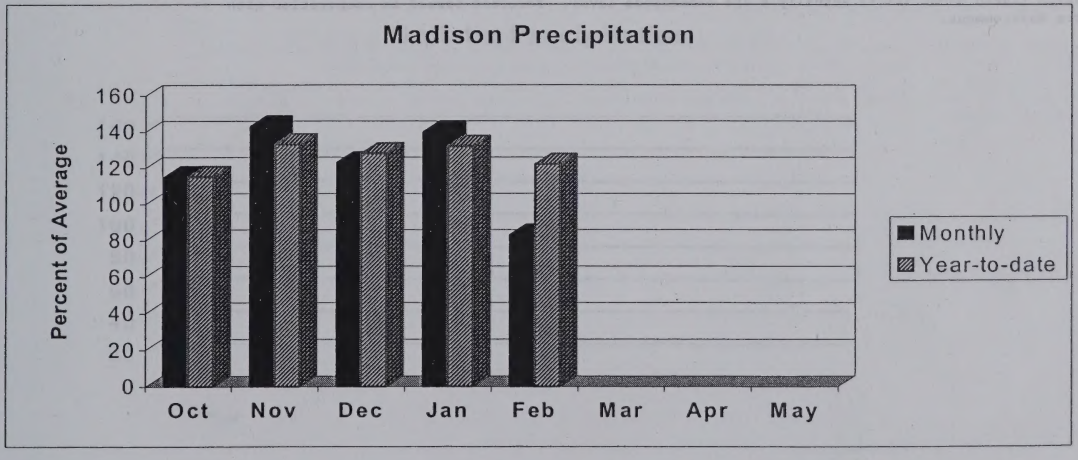
Mountain and valley precipitation during February was 83 percent of average and 201 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 122 percent of average and 167 percent of last year.



Ennis Lake storage was 98 percent of average and 104 percent of last year and Hebgen Lake storage was 106 percent of average and 94 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 103 percent to 111 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.9 for the Madison River.

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
EBGEN Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	350	395	425	109	455	500	390
	APR-SEP	460	510	545	109	580	630	500
NNIS Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	635	710	760	112	810	885	680
	APR-SEP	795	885	945	111	1005	1095	850

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

eservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
NNIS LAKE	41.0	30.7	29.6	31.4
EBGEN LAKE	377.5	280.5	298.4	265.2

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
MADISON abv HEBGEN LAKE	6	145	107
MADISON blw HEBGEN LAKE	12	169	107
MADISON RIVER BASIN	18	158	107

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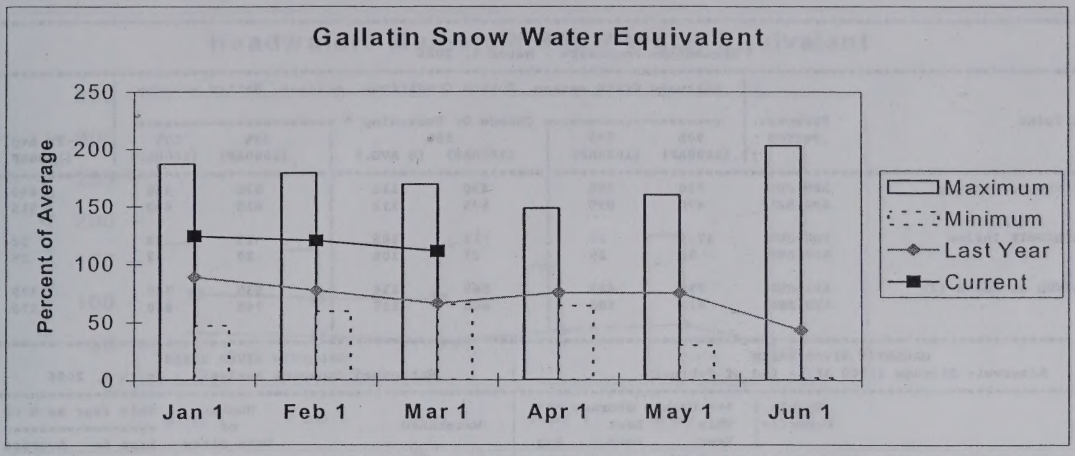
Gallatin River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Gallatin River Basin were above average and decreased 9 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 111 percent of average and 167 percent of last year.



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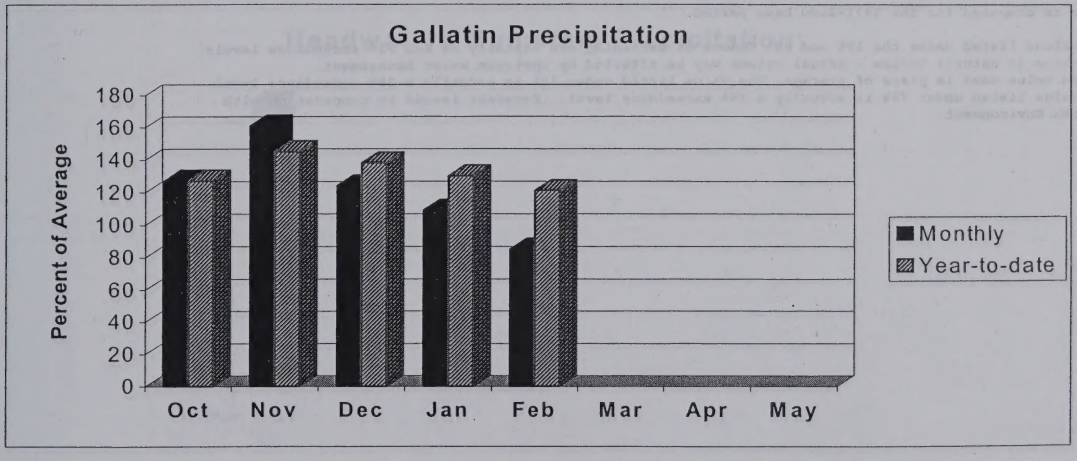
Mountain precipitation during February was 90 percent of average and 189 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 17 percent of average and 24 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 121 percent of average and 171 percent of last year.



Middle Creek storage was 149 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 99 percent to 110 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.9 for the Gallatin River.

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

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ALLATIN RIVER nr Gateway	APR-JUL	400	455	490	111	525	580	440
	APR-SEP	470	535	575	112	615	680	515
YALITE RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	17.9	21	23	105	25	28	22
	APR-SEP	22	25	27	108	29	32	25
ALLATIN RIVER at Logan (2)	APR-JUL	390	495	565	114	635	740	495
	APR-SEP	470	585	665	117	745	860	570

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

eservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
IDDLE CREEK	10.2	6.7	6.8	4.5

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
UPPER GALLATIN	7	178	118
HYALITE	4	168	104
BRIDGER	3	138	100
GALLATIN RIVER BASIN	14	167	111

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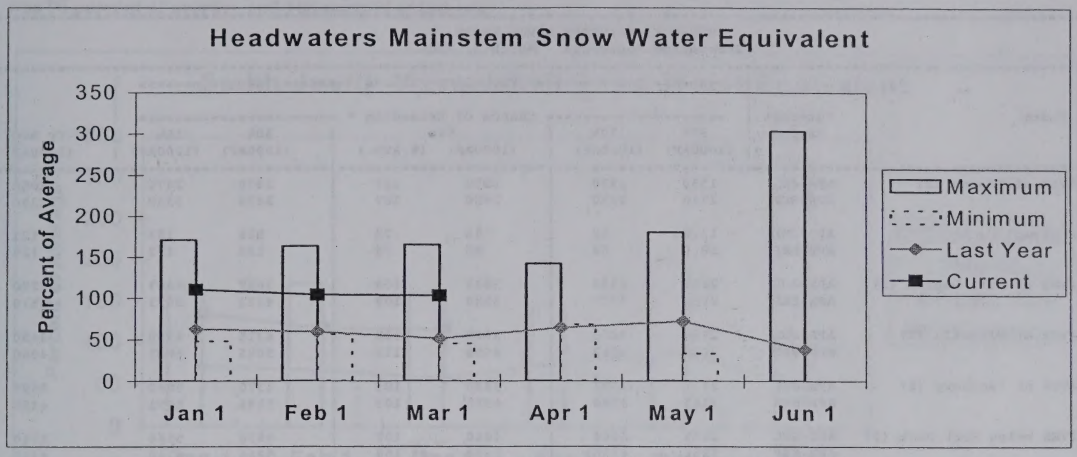
Missouri Mainstem River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Headwaters Missouri Mainstem River Basin were near average and decreased 1 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 104 percent of average and 205 percent of last year.



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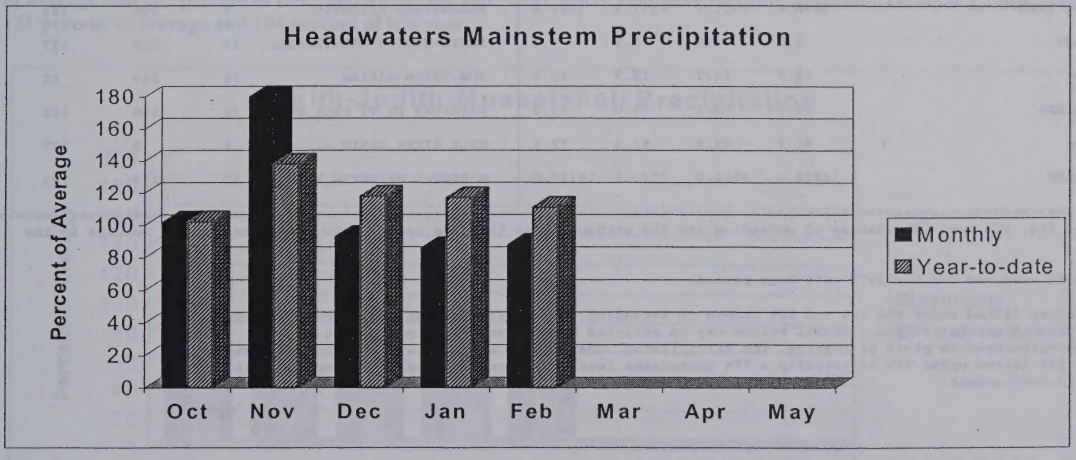
Mountain precipitation during February was 95 percent of average and 306 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 79 percent of average and 489 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 111 percent of average and 177 percent of last year.



Canyon Ferry Lake storage was 88 percent of average and 97 percent of last year; Helena Valley storage was 173 percent of average and 135 percent of last year; Lake Helena storage was 80 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; Hauser & Helena storage was 116 percent of average and 99 percent of last year; Holter Lake storage was 104 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; and Fort Peck Lake storage was 64 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 87 percent to 102 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.3 in the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry; -0.2 in the Missouri River below Canyon Ferry; -0.9 in the Missouri River above Fort Peck; and -3.4 in the Missouri River below Fort Peck.

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
ISSOURI RIVER at Toston (2)	APR-JUL	1530	1930	2200	107	2470	2870	2050
	APR-SEP	1770	2230	2550	107	2870	3330	2390
EARBORN nr Craig	APR-JUL	13.0	58	88	73	118	163	121
	APR-SEP	18.0	64	95	76	126	172	125
ISSOURI RIVER at Fort Benton (2)	APR-JUL	2251	2834	3230	108	3627	4207	2990
	APR-SEP	2681	3377	3850	108	4321	5021	3570
ISSOURI RIVER at Virgelle (2)	APR-JUL	2730	3403	3860	112	4315	4990	3450
	APR-SEP	3220	4012	4550	112	5086	5881	4060
ISSOURI RIVER nr Landusky (2)	APR-JUL	2672	3391	3880	105	4370	5090	3690
	APR-SEP	3145	3994	4570	105	5146	5991	4350
ISSOURI RIVER below Fort Peck (2)	APR-JUL	2815	3544	4040	108	4536	5266	3740
	APR-SEP	3250	4116	4690	108	5266	6110	4330
AKE SAKAKAWEA Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	7010	8549	9840	101	11134	12660	9740
	APR-SEP	8060	9860	11300	101	12781	14560	11200

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

eservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ANYON FERRY LAKE	2043.0	1331.0	1377.0	1509.4
ELENA VALLEY	9.2	6.9	5.1	4.0
AKE HELENA	12.7	10.7	10.9	13.4
AUSER & HELENA	74.6	73.1	74.0	63.0
OLTER LAKE	81.9	80.8	81.0	77.6
ORT PECK LAKE	18910.0	9054.0	8740.0	14728.0

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	9	205	104
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	14	204	117
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	14	249	92
MAINSTEM ab FT PECK RES	36	220	102
MILK RIVER BASIN	4	0	117
MISSOURI MAINSTEM BASIN	39	228	103

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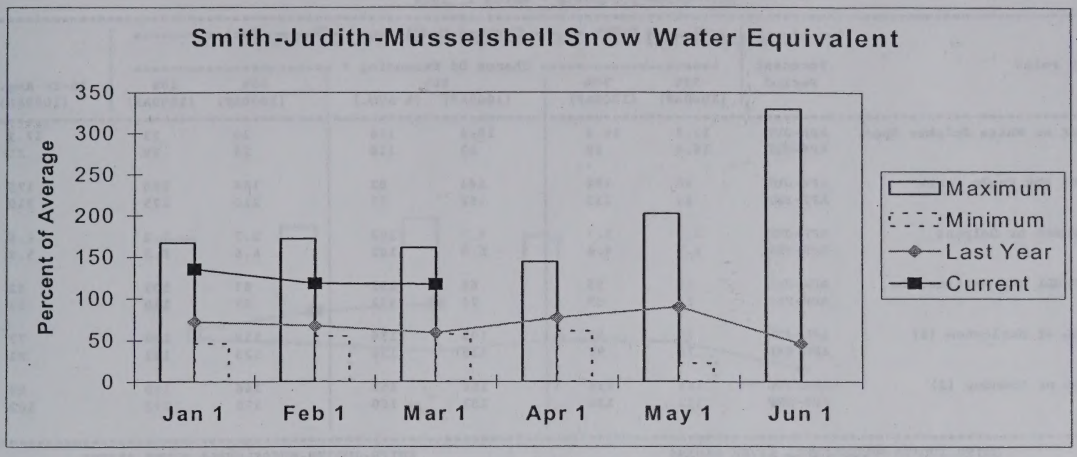
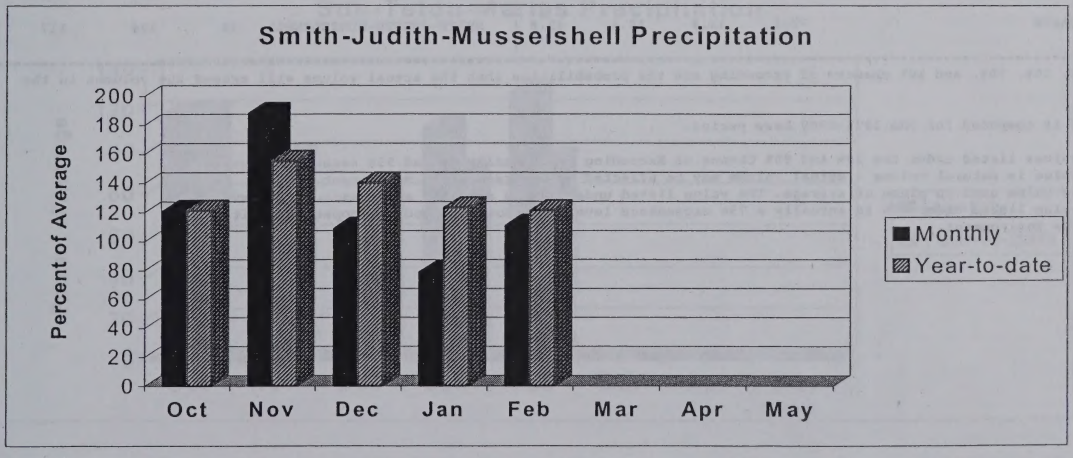
Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins were above average and decreased 1 percent from February 1. Snow water content in the Smith River Basin was 113 percent of average and 186 percent of last year; in the Judith River Basin was 123 percent of average and 199 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell Basin River was 90 percent of average and 168 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1987; March maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1987 and 2005; April maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1992; and May maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was in 1967 and minimum swe was in 1987, 1992, 1994, and 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation during February in the Smith-Belts was 110 percent of average and 408 percent of last year; in the Judith was 129 percent of average and 466 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell was 67 percent of average and 265 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 121 percent of average and 184 percent of last year.



Smith River storage was 58 percent of average and 58 percent of last year; Ackley Lake was 75 percent of average and 104 percent of last year; Bair storage was 60 percent of average and 77 percent of last year; Martinsdale storage was 86 percent of average and 284 percent of last year; and Deadman's Basin was 66 percent of average and 178 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 99 percent to 119 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.6 in the Smith River; +1.8 in the Upper Judith River; and +1.6 in the Musselshell River.

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
HEEP CREEK nr White Sulphur Spgs.	APR-JUL	13.5	16.4	18.4	108	20	23	17.1
	APR-SEP	16.4	20	22	110	24	28	20
MITH RIVER abv Eagle Creek	APR-JUL	40	102	144	82	186	245	175
	APR-SEP	46	113	161	77	210	275	210
F MUSSELSHELL nr Delpine	APR-JUL	2.2	3.7	4.7	102	5.7	7.2	4.6
	APR-SEP	2.7	4.4	5.5	102	6.6	8.3	5.4
F MUSSELSHELL abv Martinsdale	APR-JUL	35	55	69	133	83	103	52
	APR-SEP	38	59	74	132	89	110	56
USSELSHELL at Harlowton (2)	APR-JUL	74	92	105	136	118	136	77
	APR-SEP	78	97	110	136	123	142	81
USSELSHELL nr Roundup (2)	APR-JUL	109	134	150	152	166	190	99
	APR-SEP	112	136	153	150	170	192	102

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

eservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MITH RIVER	10.6	3.8	6.6	6.6
CKLEY LAKE	7.0	2.4	2.3	3.2
AIR	7.0	2.4	3.1	4.0
ARTINSDALE	23.1	8.8	3.1	10.2
EADMAN'S BASIN	72.2	32.8	18.4	49.8

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SMITH	8	188	114
HIGHWOOD	0	0	0
JUDITH	6	200	123
MUSSELSHELL	5	168	90
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	14	204	117

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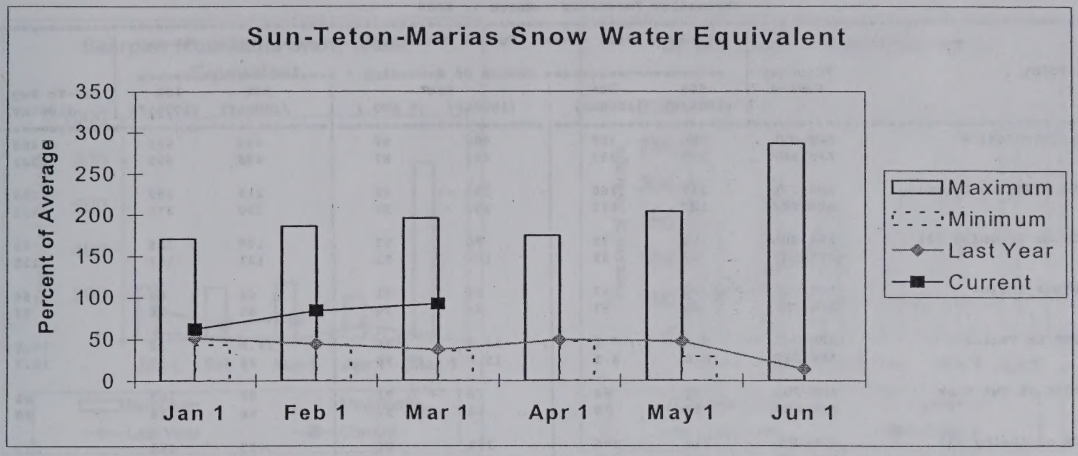
Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins were slightly below average and increased 8 percent from February 1. Snow water content in the Sun River Basin was 94 percent of average and 234 percent of last year; in the Teton River Basin was 84 percent of average and 248 percent of last year; and in the Marias River Basin was 90 percent of average and 260 percent of last year.



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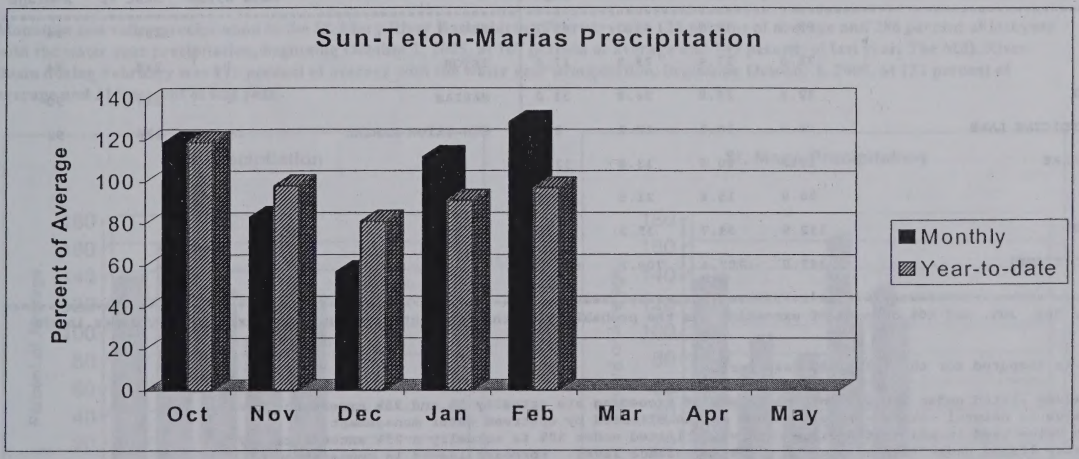
Mountain and valley precipitation during February in the Sun was 123 percent of average and 599 percent of last year; in the Teton was 141 percent of average and 388 percent of last year; and in the Marias was 125 percent of average and 460 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 97 percent of average and 153 percent of last year.



Gibson storage was 28 percent of average and 31 percent of last year; Pishkun storage was 99 percent of average and 92 percent of last year; Willow Creek storage was 117 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; Lower Two Medicine Lake storage was 116 percent of average and 85 percent of last year; Four Horns Lake storage was 88 percent of average and 77 percent of last year; Swift storage was 95 percent of average and 73 percent of last year; Lake Frances storage was 52 percent of average and 99 percent of last year; and Lake Elwell (Tiber) storage was 112 percent of average and 100 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 68 percent to 86 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.6 in the Sun River; -1.5 in the Teton River; -2.8 in the Birch/Dupuyer Creeks; and -1.6 in the Marias River above Tiber Reservoir; and -3.5 in the Marias River below Tiber Reservoir.

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
[BSON Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	285	355	400	87	445	515	460
	APR-SEP	325	395	440	87	485	555	505
'O MEDICINE RIVER nr Browning	APR-JUL	117	160	189	92	219	259	205
	APR-SEP	127	171	200	93	230	275	215
\DGER CREEK nr Browning (2)	APR-JUL	54	75	90	91	105	126	99
	APR-SEP	67	89	105	91	121	143	115
'IFT RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	30	47	58	91	69	86	64
	APR-SEP	40	57	69	90	81	98	77
JPUYER CREEK nr Valier	APR-JUL	0.0	7.1	13.5	96	19.8	30	14.0
	APR-SEP	0.0	8.1	15.0	96	22	32	15.7
T BANK CREEK at Cut Bank	APR-JUL	47	64	75	93	86	103	81
	APR-SEP	52	70	83	92	96	114	90
\RIAS RIVER nr Shelby (2)	APR-JUL	210	305	365	88	425	520	415
	APR-SEP	230	325	385	88	445	540	440
:TON nr Dutton	APR-JUL	8.2	16.8	27	53	42	84	51
	APR-SEP	10.0	19.5	31	53	48	92	59

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BSON	99.1	13.8	44.3	49.7
SHKUN	32.0	17.4	18.9	17.6
LLOW CREEK	32.2	26.8	26.8	23.0
WER TWO MEDICINE LAKE	11.9	10.3	12.1	8.9
UR HORNS LAKE	19.2	10.6	13.8	12.0
IFT	30.0	15.6	21.5	16.5
KE FRANCES	112.0	34.7	35.2	66.8
KE ELWELL (TIBER)	1347.0	707.4	704.8	631.9

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SUN	7	234	94
TETON	4	248	84
MARIAS	6	260	90
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	15	236	92

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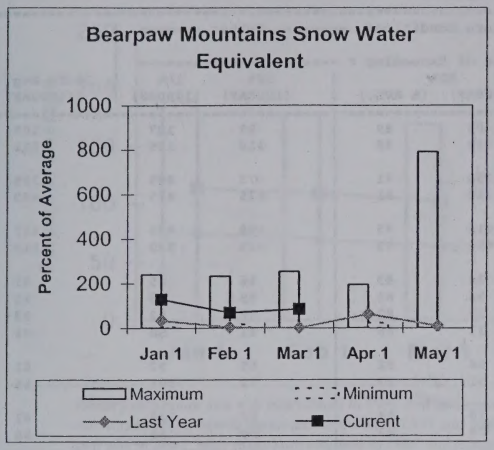
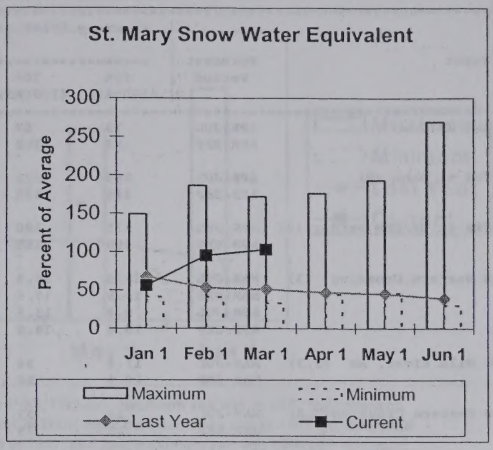
St. Mary and Milk River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the St. Mary and Milk River Basins were near average and increased 15 percent from February 1. Snow water content in the St. Mary River Basin was 103 percent of average and 220 percent of last year and increased 8 percent from February 1. The Bearpaw Mountains were 117 percent of average and increased 10 percent from February 1. The Cypress Hills in Canada were 60 percent of average and increased 34 percent from February 1.

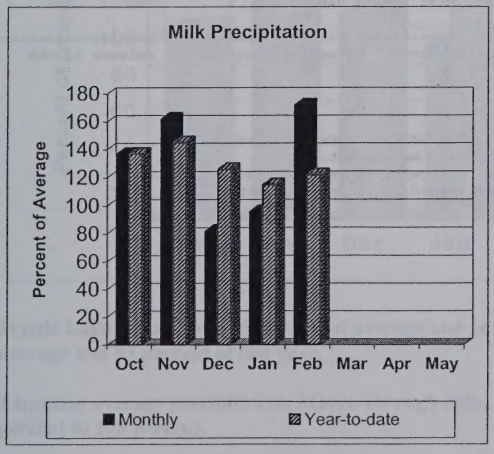


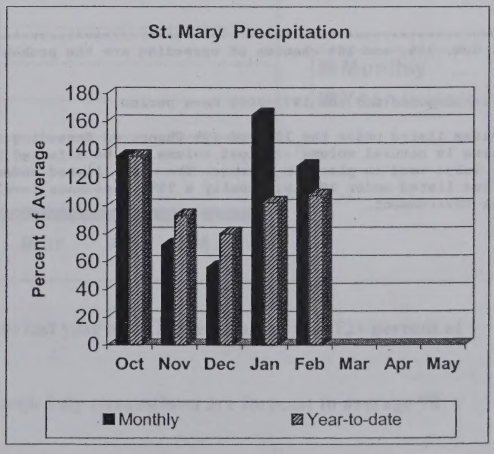


Bearpaw - January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1981; February maximum swe was 1978 and minimum was in 1973; March maximum swe was 1978 and minimum swe was 2005; April maximum swe was in 1985 and minimum swe was in 1973, 1983, and 1986; May maximum swe was 1975 and the minimum, 0.0, has occurred in several years. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

St. Mary - January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1967 and 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 19972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation in the St. Mary River Basin during February was 128 percent of average and 286 percent of last year with the water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, at 107 percent of average and 149 percent of last year. The Milk River Basin during February was 172 percent of average with the water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, at 122 percent of average and 216 percent of last year.





Lake Sherburne storage was 151 percent of average and 95 percent of last year; Fresno storage was 94 percent of average and 131 percent of last year; Beaver Creek storage was not available; and Nelson storage was 103 percent of average and 72 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 62 percent to 88 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.4 in the St. Mary River and -1.8 in the Milk River.

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
AKE SHERBURNE Inflow	APR-JUL	79	87	93	89	99	107	105
	APR-SEP	93	102	109	89	116	125	122
T. MARY RIVER nr Babb (2)	APR-JUL	295	325	350	91	375	405	385
	APR-SEP	345	385	410	91	435	475	450
T. MARY RIVER at US/CAN Border (2)	APR-JUL	335	380	415	95	450	495	435
	APR-SEP	400	455	490	95	525	580	515
ILK RIVER @ Western Crossing (3)	MAR-JUL	12.3	16.8	34	83	46	65	41
	MAR-SEP	12.5	17.6	36	84	49	70	43
	APR-JUL	9.9	13.5	27	82	37	52	33
	APR-SEP	10.4	14.8	31	86	41	58	36
ILK RIVER @ Milk River, AB (2,3)	MAR-JUL	17.6	24	56	92	65	92	61
	MAR-SEP	18.4	26	61	93	71	101	66
ILK RIVER @ Eastern Crossing(2,3)	MAR-JUL	24	33	70	84	92	130	83
	MAR-SEP	25	35	76	87	98	139	88
EAVER CREEK near Havre	MAR-JUL	3.0	6.0	8.0	83	10.0	13.0	9.6

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

eservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
AKE SHERBURNE	64.3	43.3	45.5	28.6
RESNO	127.0	48.8	37.2	52.0
EAVER CREEK		NO REPORT		
ELSON	66.8	34.0	47.3	33.1

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
ST. MARY	3	220	103
BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	4	0	117
CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	0	0	0
MILK RIVER BASIN	4	0	117
ST. MARY & MILK BASINS	7	270	105

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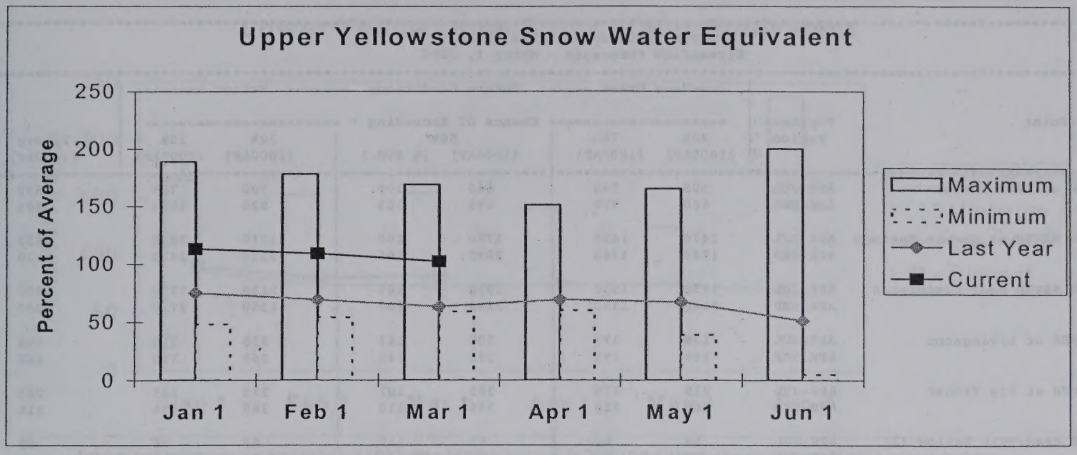
Upper Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Yellowstone River Basin were near average and decreased 7 percent from February 1. Snow water content was 102 percent of average and 164 percent of last year.



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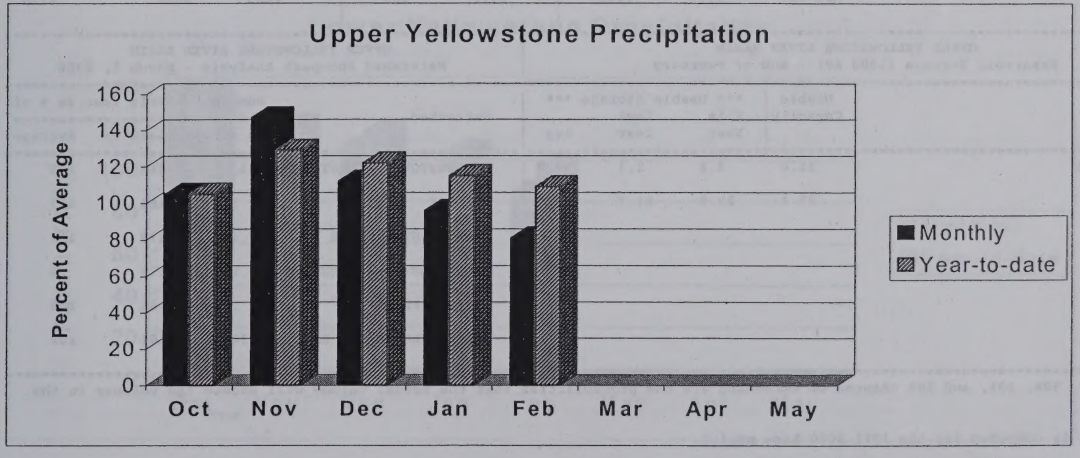
Mountain precipitation during February was 84 percent of average and 156 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during February was 51 percent of average and 126 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 109 percent of average and 155 percent of last year.



Mystic Lake storage was 95 percent of average and 165 percent of last year and Cooney storage was 121 percent of average and 93 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 98 percent to 108 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.3 in the Yellowstone River above Livingston; +2.3 in the Shields River; +2.5 in the Boulder River; +1.3 in the Stillwater River; -1.3 in the Rock/Red lodge Creeks; +0.7 in the Clarks Fork River; and +1.3 in the Yellowstone River above Bighorn River.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
ELLOWSTONE at Lake Outlet	APR-JUL	505	590	645	109	700	785	590
	APR-SEP	660	770	845	105	920	1030	805
ELLOWSTONE RIVER at Corwin Springs	APR-JUL	1470	1630	1750	106	1870	2030	1650
	APR-SEP	1760	1960	2090	106	2220	2420	1970
ELLOWSTONE RIVER near Livingston	APR-JUL	1790	1930	2030	107	2130	2270	1900
	APR-SEP	2160	2330	2440	107	2550	2720	2280
HIELDS RIVER nr Livingston	APR-JUL	135	177	205	141	235	275	145
	APR-SEP	149	195	230	142	265	310	162
OULDER RIVER at Big Timber	APR-JUL	225	275	305	107	335	385	285
	APR-SEP	260	310	345	110	380	430	315
STIC LAKE Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	54	61	65	110	69	76	59
	APR-SEP	72	79	84	111	89	96	76
TILLWATER RIVER nr Absarokee (2)	APR-JUL	415	480	525	106	570	635	495
	APR-SEP	505	575	625	107	675	745	585
ARKS FORK RIVER nr Belfry	APR-JUL	455	510	545	101	580	635	540
	APR-SEP	505	560	600	101	640	695	595
ONEY RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	12.9	29	40	85	51	67	47
	APR-SEP	21	38	49	86	60	77	57
ELLOWSTONE RIVER at Billings (2)	APR-JUL	2990	3540	3910	111	4280	4830	3510
	APR-SEP	3360	4000	4440	108	4880	5520	4120

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

eservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
STIC LAKE	21.0	3.8	2.3	4.0
ONEY	27.4	19.8	21.3	16.4

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON	18	163	105
SHIELDS	5	152	107
BOULDER-STILLWATER	4	179	113
RED LODGE-ROCK CREEK	6	179	78
CLARK'S FORK	7	165	100
UPPER YELLOWSTONE BASIN	36	164	102

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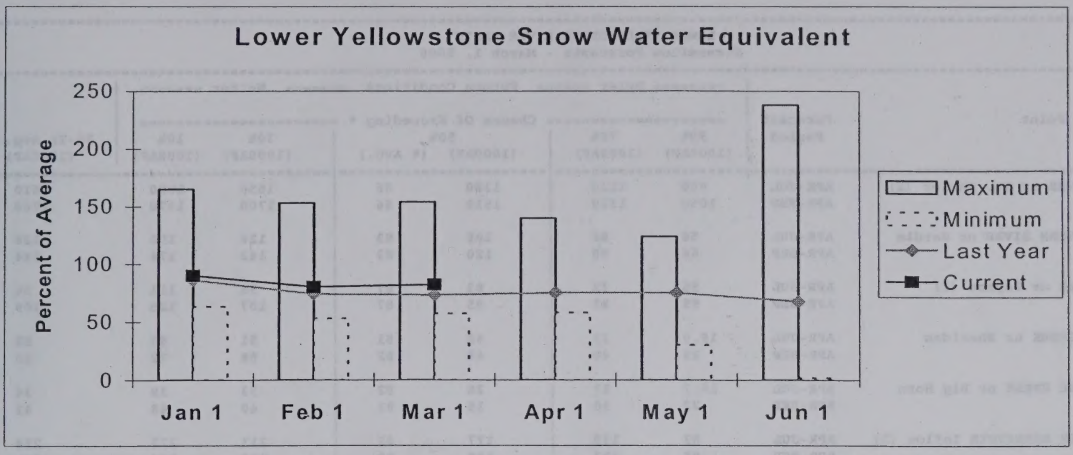
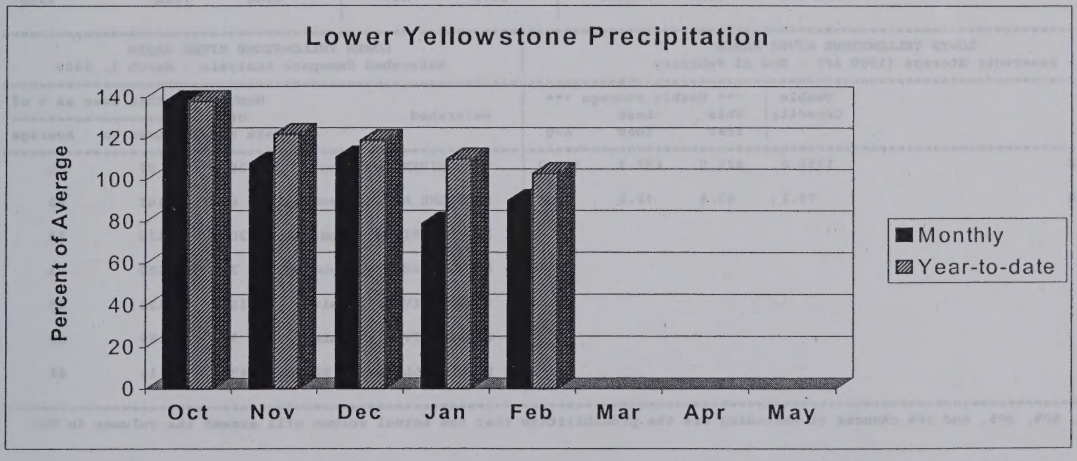
Lower Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Yellowstone River Basin were below average. Snow water content was 82 percent of average and 113 percent of last year and increased 1 percent from February 1.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2000; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 2001; April maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 2001; May maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1981; and June maximum swe was in 1995 and minimum swe was in 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation during February was 90 percent of average and 158 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 103 percent of average and 129 percent of last year.



Bighorn Lake storage was 100 percent of average and 126 percent of last year and Tongue River storage was 172 percent of average and 101 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, March through July, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 75 percent to 89 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.5 in the Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake; -0.2 in the Little Bighorn River; +0.5 in the Yellowstone River below Bighorn River; -0.5 in the Tongue River; and -0.2 in the Powder River.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
:GHORN RIVER nr St. Xavier (2)	APR-JUL	960	1210	1380	86	1550	1800	1610
	APR-SEP	1050	1320	1510	86	1700	1970	1760
:TTLE BIGHORN RIVER nr Hardin	APR-JUL	56	86	106	83	126	156	128
	APR-SEP	66	98	120	83	142	174	144
)NGUE RIVER nr Dayton (2)	APR-JUL	55	72	83	87	94	111	96
	APR-SEP	65	83	95	87	107	125	109
:G GOOSE CREEK nr Sheridan	APR-JUL	19.0	33	42	81	51	65	52
	APR-SEP	26	40	49	82	58	72	60
:TTLE GOOSE CREEK nr Big Horn	APR-JUL	16.7	23	28	82	33	39	34
	APR-SEP	22	30	35	83	40	48	42
)NGUE RIVER RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	83	139	177	81	213	273	220
	APR-SEP	98	157	198	79	238	298	250
:LLOWSTONE RIVER at Miles City (2)	APR-JUL	3960	4790	5360	100	5930	6760	5360
	APR-SEP	4580	5550	6210	100	6870	7840	6210
)WDER RIVER at Moorehead	APR-JUL	73	134	175	85	215	275	205
	APR-SEP	91	155	195	85	235	300	230
)WDER RIVER near Locate	APR-JUL	138	175	200	85	225	260	235
	APR-SEP	152	190	220	85	250	290	260
:LLOWSTONE RIVER nr Sidney (2)	APR-JUL	4040	4900	5480	100	6060	6920	5480
	APR-SEP	4620	5600	6270	100	6940	7920	6280

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of February

servoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
:GHORN LAKE	1356.0	829.5	657.3	826.3
)NGUE RIVER	79.1	42.4	42.1	24.6

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	This Year as % of Average
WIND RIVER (Wyoming)	20	97	81
SHOSHONE RIVER (Wyoming)	6	142	82
BIGHORN RIVER (Wyoming)	20	135	85
LITTLE BIGHORN (Wyoming)	3	120	81
TONGUE RIVER (Wyoming)	11	121	85
POWDER RIVER (Wyoming)	9	129	89
LOWER YELLOWSTONE BASIN (	49	113	82

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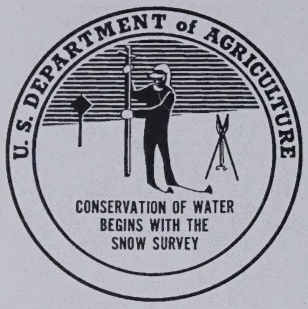

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